



Sermon Series: Never Alone

Sermon Title: God With Us

Main sermon points and scriptures:

What is the focus of your life?

Nehemiah 9:6 ESV

“You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

Revelation 21:3 ESV

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

John 1:1–5 ESV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(Son of God was there from the beginning)

Genesis 1:1-2 ESV

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

(Holy Spirit was there from the beginning)

Everything about God is limitless. (It is similar to trying to comprehend infinity.)

Psalms 50:12 ESV

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

God doesn’t need us, we need Him. (Be careful not to place yourself in the center of life’s purpose. God is the center and draws us to Himself.)

When your focus becomes anything other than God, your final destination is loneliness.

God is with us. We are never alone. There is no place we can go that He isn’t already there.

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”

Psalms 139:7-10 ESV

General discussion questions:

What did you think when you heard about the different suicides this week of famous people (designer Kate Spade, chef Anthony Bourdain) or others recently (comedian Robin Williams, musician Chris Cornell)?

When do you feel the most lonely?

What is the spiritual battle that we can find ourselves in? (The lie that we are alone.)

Why did God create people? Rev. 21:3 echoes the truth that God's dwelling place is with man. After God created Adam, God acknowledged that man needed community.

Even God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is in community. Isolation is not a good practice.

How does that affect your purpose?

Besides being infinite and self-existent (no one created Him,) what are some of God's attributes that He didn't give His creation, in other words the ones that only belong to God?

Omniscient – God knows all

Omnipresence- God's presence is everywhere

Omnipotence- God is all powerful

"God doesn't need us." How does that statement make you feel? How does that compare to if you heard a person say "I don't need God."?

How does making our focus anything but God ultimately lead to our loneliness? God exists in relationship with Himself and with man. We are created for relationship with God. Sin mars that relationship when we chase after anything or anyone other than God.

"God is with us. We are never alone." How can we remind ourselves of this and find comfort in this statement?

Pray.