



CONNECT

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Carrying His Presence

(notes for Connect evening, Jan 26th, following 1 Samuel 4-7
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1 Samuel 4:5

And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth shook.



1. Holiness

Read: 1 Samuel 6:15-21, Psalm 24, Esther 2:12-13

Look at these passages and discuss the importance of holiness and the presence of God?

If we want to be a people that carry His presence what does this mean for us?

2. Abide in Me

Read: John 15: 1-11

Look at how many times the phrase "abide in me occurs". What was Jesus seeking to emphasise?

Look at v2. What are the implications for us individually and corporately here?

3. In His Name

Read: John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Discuss together what "life in His name" means? What does this life look like?

4. In My Name

Read: Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

What is gathering together "in My name"? Is that church?

What is the significance of the "In MY name" bit?