

Sermon Questions from 9/17/2023 "God's Presence Showing Up"

- 1. How does the concept of a "theophany" or "Christophany" relate to the fact that physical humans cannot see God's full glory and live?
- 2. Did you agree with this statement: "One encounter with the presence and power of God has the ability to change you forever. It can rewrite your story and redirect your destiny and change you into the person God always created you to be"?
- 3. Can you explain the difference between these three concepts of God's presence that we find in Scripture:
 - a. Omnipresence
 - b. Indwelling or abiding presence
 - c. Manifest presence
- 4. Did you agree with this statement: "Although we cannot make things happen with God, there are things we can do to better position ourselves to see God move on our behalf"?
- 5. How does the daily discipline of seeking the Lord in prayer or reading Scripture play a role in encountering God?
- 6. Have you personally experienced a season in your life when you were so filled with worldly pursuits that you lost your appetite for the things of God?
- 7. Regarding God's timing often being mysterious, what did you think of the statement. "Maybe our worst time is God's best time"?
- 8. Are you wrestling with your life calling and going after the "higher call of God" that is yet to become real in your life? What next steps could you take to press forward in God's calling on life?
- 9. Can you share a time in your life when Jesus showed up unexpectedly. What was that encounter like?