

Why 40 Days of Abiding in the Presence of God? John 15:5-6

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the three aspects of this 40-day journey—enjoying God's presence, enjoying God's family, or experiencing spiritual renewal—do you feel most drawn to? Why?
2. Looking at the examples of Moses, Jesus, and the disciples, how do you see extended time with God leading to transformation and empowerment in their lives? How might it look in your own life? (Exodus 34:28, Luke 4:4-5, 14, Acts 1:3)
3. Jonathan Edwards said, "The seeking of the kingdom of God is the chief business of the Christian life." What are some things that compete with our desire to seek God first? How can we practically prioritise abiding in Him?
4. The sermon mentioned that we don't obey God because we 'have to' but because we love Him and are empowered by the Holy Spirit. How does abiding in Christ change our desires and help us overcome sin? (Romans 6:14; Galatians 5:16)
5. The Bible says, "In your presence there is fullness of joy." How have you personally experienced God's presence bringing peace, joy, or renewal in your life? How can we cultivate more of His presence daily? Psalm 16:11



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Common Prayer Points for Small Groups to Promote Church Unity:

1. Pray that CLIC Church will always draw near to God and experience His presence. (James 4:8)
2. Pray for the unity of the church, that we may walk together in Christ with one heart and mind. (Psalm 133)
3. Pray for the pastoral team as they seek God's guidance and wisdom during their prayer and planning retreat on March 9-10. (Proverbs 16:3)