

Omnipresence or Goci

Living in the Truth of His Indwelling Presence

PSALM 139:7-10

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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

When was the last time that you have experienced the fullness of God's indwelling presence in your life? What prompted you to believe that He is omnipresent in whatever circumstances you find yourself in and wherever you are? Share your thoughts with other GG members.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

<u>Omnipresent</u>

WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will grasp the immensity of God's omnipresence in all of creation.
- 2. GG members will understand how God's omnipresence is demonstrated in both His omnipotence and omniscience.
- 3. GG members will know that God is not just transcendent, but is also immanent when he indwells a believer's life.

INTRODUCTION

We all know that we are finite beings, for we can only occupy a certain space at a certain time and place, and are only given a definite life span in which we can exist on earth. God's infinite presence, however, can be seen and is manifest in all of creation, from the most remote and hidden place on earth, to the vastness of the whole universe.

The Omnipresence of God-Manifested in the works of His hand

- 1. Where can God's presence be seen? How is God distinct from His creation?
- 2. Can or is God confined to any physical location or object? (Acts 17:24–28)
- 3. Who were the witnesses that affirmed God's omnipresence? And what did they declare God to be? (Psalm 139:7-10; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 17:27–28)
- 4. How does God's omnipresence reveal both His omnipotence and His omniscience? (Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 32:17).

The Shared Eternal presence of the Godhead

- 1. The unity of the Trinity Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share the same divine essence, and thus, all three are also can be seen as omnipresent.
- What did Jesus say about the extent of the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and how is their presence shared by all believers? (Matthew 28:19; John 14:23)

The Immanence and transcendence of God

- 1. Is God both immanent and transcendent?
- 2. How is the omnipresence of God demonstrated in both His immanence and His transcendence? (Isaiah 57:15)

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The Unique ways God reveals Himself to His creatures

- 1. God can choose to manifest Himself supernaturally in special ways and at different times. (Exodus 3:2-5, 13:21)
- Creatures can experience God's presence but not His entirety or fullness. (Exodus 33:18-23)
- 3. God can choose to be present in certain places, but it does not negate His omnipresence. (1 Kings 8:27)
- 4. God's ultimate demonstration of His presence was the embodiment of Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh. (John 1:14; Colossians 1:19)

The Cognition of the Truth of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in every believer.

- 1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a unique and transformative experience for every believer. (John 14:16–17; Romans 8:9)
- 2. The Holy Spirit brings to every believer the complete presence of God the Father and Jesus Christ. (John 14:23)
- 3. The Holy Spirit enables a believer to have a deeper and more passionate relationship with God. (John 14:23)
- 4. The presence of the Holy Spirit guides a believer to holy and righteous living. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)
- The presence of the Holy Spirit motivates us to depend on God and trust Him in everything, rather than trusting ourselves and our own strength. (Galatians 2:20)
- The Holy Spirit's presence in times of life's trials and difficult moments gives hope and comfort, knowing that we are never left alone to fight our battles. (2 Corinthians 1:3–4)
- 7. The Holy Spirit prompts every believer to be partners with God in missions and evangelism with confidence and boldness. (Acts 1:8)

Application

The omnipresence of God in every sphere of life should cause us to be mindful of the way we live our lives. For nothing is hidden from Him, and we are all going to be accountable for every deed, good or evil, when we come before His seat of judgment. As children of God, we must surrender everything to the presence of the Holy Spirit, who will guide us in all righteousness for God's glory. ■

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Prayer Item

Our loving Heavenly Father, we are indeed blessed knowing that you are always present with us, no matter where we are and what we do. We pray that we will always be mindful of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and not say or do things that will grieve Him. Rather, to trust and obey you in everything, so that your name will be glorified and exalted in the way we live. Amen ■



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