



Celebrating God's Presence

Sermon Discussion Questions - June 12, 2022

Text

2 Samuel 6

Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 6, which includes three encounters with God.
 - a. What three encounters occur?
 - b. Who is present in the encounters?
 - c. How do the people present in those encounters respond to God?
 - d. What happens as a result?
2. Why is the ark of the covenant important? What did it contain, and what did both its design and contents declare about God?
3. Uzzah touches the ark to prevent it falling from the cart and dies, which seems unjust, if not cruel. Read 1 Chronicles 15:14–15 and Exodus 25:10–16. How do these Scripture passages reframe the events found in 2 Samuel 6? What larger issues might be at stake?
4. How does David respond to Uzzah's death? In what ways are you tempted toward the same or similar responses when life is difficult or seems unfair?
5. What causes David to reevaluate his response to Uzzah's death? Where do you see evidence of David's changed heart in 2 Samuel 6?
6. Read Psalm 24 aloud. What emotions or tone of voice do you hear in the psalm? What one thing could you do this week to join in David's song to God? If rejoicing is difficult right now, how could your community speak the joy of God's presence into your life?

Prayer

LORD God, You are holy. Teach us to rightfully fear You. May that fear not immobilize us, but rather, may our awe lead us to sing and perhaps even dance as David did. LORD God, You are very great, and You are very good, even when we don't understand what You're doing or why. Help us to be patient and to rejoice in You as we wait for You. Amen.

