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Week 7 – “Our God is Present” - Psalm 84

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**Psalm 84 is attributed to the “Sons of Korah”**

**The Sons of Korah wrote at least 11 of the 150 songs in the Book of Psalms. Their story is one of God’s grace and redemption.**

Psalm 84:1-4

The Sons of Korah yearn for God’s presence

Psalm 84:5-7

The Sons of Korah know that God’s presence is for everyone

Psalm 84: 8-9

The Sons of Korah pray for God’s presence to protect their leader

Psalm 84:10-11

The Sons of Korah realize the blessing of God’s presence

Hebrews 10:11

Psalm 84:12

The Sons of Korah understand that God’s blessing comes by faith

Additional Thoughts / Notes:

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## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. No matter where you are at in your spiritual journey right now, what is or has been your understanding of God's "presence?" Have you been led to believe that God will withdraw or remove His presence from His people for certain reasons? Discuss...

### **Ponderings:**

2. Under the Old Covenant, God manifested His tangible presence in the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle and later the Temple. As the Old Covenant was coming to a close, He manifested His tangible presence in Jesus. Now under the New Covenant, He manifests His tangible presence in us. What does this mean in practical terms for your daily life? Discuss...
3. Although we are now never dirty or distant from God, our emotions sometimes try to convince us otherwise. What are some of the reasons we might feel distant from God in moments or seasons of life? When we feel this way, how do we hold on to the truth of His permanent presence in us?
4. Jesus actually said that it was "better" for Him to leave us physically so that God's presence could be with us through the Holy Spirit. Is that idea difficult for you to embrace? Would you rather be able to live with a physical Jesus like the disciples did or the Spirit of Jesus inside of you? Share your honest thoughts...
5. Read John 14:15-19 and John 16:5-16 as a group. Discuss your thoughts and observations about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit...
  - Who will the Holy Spirit "convict?"
  - Who will the Holy Spirit "comfort / help / counsel?"
  - Why do we have it better than the Old Testament saints who "panted" and "longed" for the presence of God?

### **Promptings:**

6. The permanent, indwelling presence of Christ's Spirit in us is one of the greatest gifts we have from God. What does your life typically look like during the moments or seasons when you forget His indwelling presence? How does your life look differently when you are consciously aware of His indwelling presence? How will you cultivate a deeper sense of awareness of His presence *with* you and *in* you and *through* you?