

Living in God's Presence

1. Have you ever considered that Judas genuinely thought that he was doing the right thing when he betrayed Christ? Where did he go wrong?
2. Have you ever crusaded for a cause, only to find that you'd got it all wrong?
3. **Matt 7:21-23** How can God tell people *he never knew them*, when He says in **Matt 10:30**; that *'the very hairs on your head are all numbered.'* and in Jer 1:5, He tells us that *He knew us before we He formed us in our mother's womb?*
4. **In Rev 3:20** Jesus says "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*" This was written to believers. God knows details about us, but He wants us to tell Him something about ourselves. How do we do we invite him in and do this?
5. **1Thess 5:16-18** tells us how we can live in God's presence, by taking 3 purposeful actions. What are these actions and are you successful in doing them?
6. 1 Cor 14:26 *When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.* Have you ever attended a church service where this format was used? How did it work?
7. How would you feel about having a church service like this once a term, so that other people have the opportunity to share and we can encourage and pray for each other?
8. It's a wonderful thing when the Holy Spirit is in control of a service, but such a service is easily hijacked. How is this likely to happen? What could we do to prevent that from happening?

9. In **1 Cor 12** Paul likens the church to the human body. We need each other in many ways. Do you think that a service like this will help us to grow as a community? How might it help us to grow in our spiritual gifts?
10. A visit to the optometrist may reveal that we are seeing things out of focus. Do you lovingly endure something that's out of order, or seek to bring correction? Have you ever tried to correct someone when your correction was not accepted or was taken the wrong way?

Pray for each other