

## SERMON STUDY NOTES

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### Dwelling in His Presence

1. The Church today has largely taken on the values of the world & lost its testimony and credibility. We've tried to make God look nice - so that we will be accepted and secure in our comfort zones. How have we done this?
2. It has been said that if the Holy Spirit was removed from the Church 90% of churches wouldn't notice any change. How would it affect our church notice?
3. Dr Martin Lloyd Jones said "*The trouble with the church today is that it has too many nice people in ministry*". He felt that the church needed people who were more rugged and unafraid to step on people's toes. *Do you agree with this?*
4. Today the church is more focussed on what Jesus will do for us than who He is. This has resulted in people serving God for his benefits rather than a joyful response to who he is. *Is this how you feel about things?*

5. *Now about the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them walking on the sea and would have passed them by Mark 6:48. Jesus intended to pass by them. Jesus often keeps distant until we are desperate enough to cry out to him. Why is this?*
6. We hunger for whatever we feed on. If we feed on a diet of Sport – we will crave Sky sports. *Give some other examples.* If we feed on a steady diet of God's word spiritual things will flow naturally and easily. *Have you experienced this?*
7. God has moved out of the Temple and set up another dwelling for himself in the hearts of those who love Him. The veil now becomes our flesh. If we can get beyond the outer court of our flesh by crucifying or denying it, we enter into the worship and the fellowship of the new most holy place. *How often do you dwell in the Holy Place?*
8. We will never find God manifesting his presence in an atmosphere where He is not revered honoured and respected. What will it take to see his manifest presence in a one of our church services? Or at Revive?
9. We are witnessing the birth pangs predicted in Luke 21:10-11. Do you think the complacent Western Church is able to lift itself out of its comfort and apathy without some sort of tragedy or wakeup call?

10. Acts 4:13 *‘When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.’* There was something powerful & compelling about these two fishermen, because they had spent time with Jesus. Would you say that you are compelling or our church is compelling? Why not? Pray for each other.