

# **NS** LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Living in the Presence of the Lord: Part 1

1 Samuel 2:18-21

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**Main Idea:** Three Biblical Layers of the Presence of the Lord

**Icebreaker:** Can you think of a time that you were “present” (physically there) at work or at a family or other event, but were not “present” (mentally there)? What happened? How are any of those times different when we are “all” there?

## Study

In Part 1 of Living in the Presence of the Lord, Three Biblical layers of the Presence of the Lord were identified. Read the 3 layers, the corresponding scripture and any notes you may have taken during the sermon and discuss within your group.

1. **The Omnipresence** – being ever-present everywhere. (Psalm 139:7-8)
  - a. When going throughout your everyday life, how often are you consciously aware of God’s omnipresence?
  - b. What things in life can you pay attention to to prompt you to remember God’s omnipresence?
  - c. How does remembering God’s omnipresence affect the way we live our daily lives? (*possible answers: Nothing we do is ever outside of his gaze; creation should always remind us to worship, etc.*)
2. **The Indwelling Presence** – the One who is in you as a follower of Jesus Christ. (John 14:16-17 & 1 Corinthians 6:19)
  - a. How is God’s indwelling presence for believers different from his Omnipresence?
  - b. How does God’s indwelling presence in you as a believer affect the way you live your daily life? (*possible answers: It gives me courage and boldness to take hard steps of obedience, it’s encouraging when walking through difficult trials, etc.*)
3. **The Manifest Presence** – to clearly experience His Presence revealed in an obvious way. (Adam & Eve, Moses & the burning bush, etc)
  - a. Is this level of Presence guaranteed to us? Are we entitled to it? Could this be experienced by anyone?

## Application

We are ALWAYS in His Omnipresence. Christ followers are filled WITH His presence. We have the OPPORTUNITY to live in His Manifest Presence.

How can we set ourselves up to have the opportunity to experience his manifest presence? (answer: **WORSHIP!**)

## What does this worship look like?

1. Worship with Thanksgiving (Psalm 95:1-2)
2. Worship through Singing (Psalm 100:2)

Remember, it doesn’t matter if you’re a gifted singing or not. It’s for God and God alone, not for others. And it has a promise. Read Psalm 16:11. What are we promised when we enter His Presence?

## Pray

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray that we remember to live in the Presence of God daily. Pray for a specific person on your mind who needs to come into this Presence as well.