

**2023 Aim Check-in**

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
  - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
  2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

**Discussion Questions Set #1**

**“At the entrance to the tent of meeting, before the Lord [there] I will meet you and speak to you; there also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory.” (Exodus 33:42-43)**

In sermon, it was presented that the symbolic reference to cherubim in certain scriptures points to God's restoring to humanity the Eden – the intimate relational connection to Him - that had been forfeited by human sin.

1. Why might it be significant that cherubim/angels (symbols of God's restoration of relationship with humanity) are found associated with the following:
  - a. The Ark of the Covenant
  - b. The Tabernacle
  - c. The Incarnation
  - d. The Resurrection
2. Discuss what it means to you to “meet face to face with God”? How might this impact your understanding of being led by God?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus leads us from alongside?
4. Discuss the following statement: rather than pursuing this sort of relationship with God – intimacy with an alongside, relational Jesus – we often default to a lesser relational connection – a more comfortable affinity with a “head table, textbook” sort of Jesus, because it permits us to be less confronted by our sin.

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

**“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14)**

**“The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.” (Isaiah 59:16)**

**“In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.” (Colossians 2:9)**

1. In sermon, it was discussed that the people of Israel had experience with both divinely sent human intermediaries (prophets, kings, etc.) and God's presence dwelling among them.
  - a. How might this have helped them accept Christ as the Messiah?
  - b. How might this have hindered their ability to accept Christ as Messiah?
2. Why is it significant that salvation is something achieved by God's own arm?
3. Discuss the significance that, in Christ, humanity and divinity were perfectly joined. Why is the Incarnation such an important idea to followers of Jesus?

**Discussion Questions Set #3**

**“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)**

**“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)**

1. How often do you think of Christ's immediate presence with us in worship? What thoughts come to mind when you do?
2. If Jesus is present as we worship, ought we not consider how He might be leading us in the moments we spend together? Should we right now be expecting Christ to lead us?
3. What might Christ's leadership of us look like in a worship service?