

Series: Wrship

Sermon: "A God Who Deserves our Praise Desires an Intimate Relationship with Us"

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1. Do you like to go hiking or camping in the mountains? If so, why?
2. In this series, we have discussed a number of ways to respond to God in worship (sing, praises, bow down, to be overwhelmed, serve and to stand in awe), what is the primary way you respond to God in worship?
3. Share a time in your life when God became up close and personal.
4. "Intimacy is having a shared experience with God." What does it mean to have a shared experience with God?
5. Read Matthew 17:1-9.
 - A. Why do you think Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain and not the other disciples?
 - B. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, what does this tell us about Jesus?
 - C. Peter's response to Jesus being transfigured was to say and do something? When it comes to responding to God, why do we tend to "do" rather than just "be"?
 - D. What would it mean to respond to God by just "being"? What would that mean for you?
6. Why do you think we feel close to God at certain times in our life and other times we feel distant?
7. Eugene Peterson said, "Busyness is an illness of the spirit." Do agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
8. Read John 15:1-11.
 - A. What implications does the metaphor of Jesus being the vine and his disciples being the branches have for your life?
 - B. What does it mean for you to "remain in me"?