

# Christmas

WEEK 3  
FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD  
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What does God want?

God sent Jesus into the world so that he can be with us.

For God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man **receives** sinners and **eats** with them." *Luke 15:2*

"I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are **in** me, Father, and I am **in** you. And may they be **in** us so that the world will believe you sent me." *John 17:21*

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's **home** is now among his people! He will live **with** them, and they will be his people. God himself will be **with** them." *Revelation 21:3*

Why does God want this?

1. The presence of God brings eternal life now.

"And this is eternal life, that they **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." *John 17:3*

*"God created us for intimate fellowship with himself, and in doing so he established the goal of our existence - to know him, love him, and live our lives in an intimate relationship with him."* John Eldredge

Living with contentment.

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be **hungry** again. Whoever believes in me will never be **thirsty** again." *John 6:35*

*"Our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you."* Augustine

Living above sin.

For a man's ways are before the **eyes** of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths. *Proverbs 5:21*

Living with courage.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be **shaken**. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells **secure**. *Psalms 16:8-9*

2. The presence of God helps you to never feel alone.

...I will never leave you nor forsake you. *Hebrews 13:5*