

Review:

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God's Manifest Presence 2 Chronicles 7:1-10

One of the ways of God is to move and to act in a way He will be recognized without any doubt. That is as true today as it was in ancient days. We need only know _____

Discussion 1. Can you think of examples of ways you have seen God working in yourself or in others that were clearly and unmistakably God? Can you think of anything that, when you see it happening in someone, it is ALWAYS GOD?

The correct response to the manifest presence of God is worship. In this age (the age of the church), we encounter God's presence through the indwelling Spirit in our fellow image bearers, and our acts of worship are our decisions to _____ our _____ towards God's will.

Discussion 2. Can you describe a moment or a season or a decision in your own life when you had to give up your own will in order to pursue what God wanted? For you, what part does "repentance" play in this process of ongoing surrender?

As we encounter God's Spirit (in ourselves or in others) and we respond with surrender of our will for God's will, there is no such thing as _____.

Discussion 3. Why doesn't the wisdom of "everything in moderation" apply to our surrender to Christ? Are there times or circumstances in your life when you are inclined to believe you have surrendered "enough" and no more is needed?

Christians today gather together for the same reason God's people of old made pilgrimages to the Temple...in order to encounter God. Christ followers encounter Christ through _____.

Discussion 4. What are some "less than spiritual" reasons for gathering with friends at church? What step or steps can you take to better anticipate encountering Christ in others when you gather for worship or Bible study?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?