

Holy Spirit Series
The Forgotten Gift of Christmas
“Where Is Everyone?”
NN Campus
12/29/18

Opening

-sharing service next week...

-series on the Holy Spirit...we are going to keep going into January...

- Spiritual gifts
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Spiritual Language

-series online, notes, messages...this is a great study on the Holy Spirit if you have missed any weeks...

-title tonight... **“Where Is Everyone?”** (joke about service start times)

-tonight we are going to take a DEEP dive...this is one of the things I love about our church, having a teaching pulpit...we have an appetite for the weighty things of Scripture...sometimes we take a BIG bite (when kids were little and learning to eat!)

-PRAY

Introduction

-The three attributes of divinity

- **Infinite**
- **Omniscient**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Omnipresent ***

-Verses

- Revelation 1:8 (infinite)
- Colossians 1:17 (infinite)
- Jeremiah 23:23-24
- Psalm 139:7-10

-I think most people are willing to accept these verses, that God is everywhere...the question is what do we do with the verses that seem to say that parts of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are in a specific place?

-How do we reconcile these verses?

Where is Jesus? (Bevere book)

-Acts 7:54-56

-We cannot understand the mystery of omnipresence without accepting that texts dealing with the “places” assigned to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not limiting.

-Why is an alibi so critical in criminal investigations...location is limiting...not with Jesus or any part of God!

-Matthew 28:18-20 (with us)

-Ephesians 1:23 (in everything)

-Ephesians 3:17 (in my heart)

-John 14:20 (in me completely)

-Omnipresence isn't just about being everywhere. Omnipresence is also about being both everywhere and somewhere simultaneously.

-John 14:1-4/John 16:5-6

-Jesus is talking specifically here about shedding the humanity He had to embrace (Philippians 2) so He could return to His fully divinity. Him leaving is actually Him returning to being everywhere!

-Questions to ask...

1. Have you been ignoring Jesus? (talk about being ignored)
2. Talking to Him in prayer...
3. Talking to Him in worship...
4. Talking to Him in everything...

Where is the Father?

-Genesis 3:1-5 (devil talks of God like He isn't there...or in them!!!!)

-The most horrific lie the devil has inflicted upon humanity is to convince us that God isn't present!

-Genesis 3:8-11

-The text isn't speaking to us about the reality of God but rather the predicament of mankind once we give attention to the voice of the devil...it causes us to feel as though God is not present.

-Believing that The Father is both everywhere and somewhere is vital!

- **Everywhere protects me from temptation**
 - **Why sex trafficking is present in resort areas**
- **Everywhere comforts me in trouble**
 - **A child separated from their parents**
- **Everywhere assures me in my calling**
 - **Moves and job transfers**

- **Somewhere inspires me to pray**
- **Somewhere inspires me to gather *** (uniquely in each place)**
- **Somewhere inspires me to worship**

Band

-John 7:39

-Where is the Holy Spirit...He too is everywhere and somewhere and that's where we are headed in this series!

-As we worship...what is something you are thankful for...

Close

-Psalm 46