

Small Group Questions: Jack Hoey III

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Read

Genesis 17:8, John 1:14, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 21:3-5

Reflect

Home is more than just a place where our stuff is. For each of us, the idea of home may bring different feelings, but for sure, it makes us feel something. Home may be a place of comfort or a place tinged with sadness or anger. What does home mean to you? In Genesis 17:8 God promises Abraham that his people will have a home—a country—but not yet. For hundreds of years the people of God had no home, moving from place to place, strangers in every place they stayed. Eventually God ended their wanderings. He came to bring them home. He always does.

Where do you think God wants to call home?

Pastor Jack Hoey, III identifies three things God has done to show us where he wants to call home.

1. The God who is everywhere loves most of all to be with his people.
 - a. He came down to walk with his people right from the start in Eden. Do you believe that God wants to spend time with you? If not, why? Home is often where family is...those you love. What makes it home for you?
2. Christmas is the ultimate expression of God's ultimate desire.
 - a. Jesus is God incarnate. Why do you think he chose to make his home among us? If it wasn't to fulfill a heavenly checklist, why did he do it? Is this something God needs for Himself or is it really for our well being - why?
 - b. How does Jesus describe those he considers to be his true family?
3. God is not finished yet.
 - a. If God's greatest desire is to dwell with us, why is the world still like it is?
 - b. The resurrection is the promise. God's desire to dwell with us cannot be destroyed. But what do you think about him allowing it be delayed?
 - c. In Revelation, it states that the dwelling place of God is with man. It will be heaven on Earth. What should we be doing in the meantime? Think of people who have tried to dwell with God. How have they gone about it?

God's plans are so much greater than we could imagine. One day, God is coming home. How do you feel about that? What is your posture toward God at this moment? Fear? Anger? Disappointment? Regret? Anticipation? Excitement?

If you knew God was coming home today, how would it change the posture of your heart?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to hearing these stories? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?