**GOD IS HERE** 2021-06-27

**MATTHEW 18:20(NLTSE)** For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.

* If this verse is true, which it certainly is, then we can say:
* Because God is here, we have victory over the devil .
* Because God is here, we have peace
* Because God is here, we have hope
* Because God is here, we have healing
* Because God is here, we have abundance
* Because God is here, we have protection
* Because God is here, we have joy
* Because God is here, we have wisdom
* Because God is here, our future is secure
* Some folks might never realise that Jesus is all they need, until Jesus is all they’ve got

**HEBREWS 11:6(NLTSE)** And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who ***sincerely seek Him***

* As His church this morning, we are going to sincerely seek Him

**JAMES 4:8(NLTSE)** Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world

* As His church this morning, we are going to come close to Him, with undivided hearts.

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14(NLTSE)** Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

* Like a priest would make intercession before God, on behalf of the people, let’s make intercession before God, on behalf of South Africa

**EZEKIEL 22:30(NLTSE)** “I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn’t have to destroy the land, ***but I found no one***.

* May God find us this morning, standing in the gap, as His church, for South Africa, because He is in our midst
* Let’s sincerely intercede for families that have lost loved ones to this pandemic
* Let’s sincerely intercede for wisdom for governments to deal with the impact of the pandemic on nations
* Let’s sincerely intercede for the fear of God to fall upon ALL of us first because:

**1 PETER 4:17(NLTSE)** For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God’s household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God’s Good News?

**PSALM 111:10(NLTSE)** Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!

**PROVERBS 8:13(NLTSE)** All who fear the LORD will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. In your groups, make the time to spend in sincere intercession for as as God’s church, then for the our nation.
2. Pray for the fear of God to fall upon us and the leaders of this nation