

**A Community
that walks
with God**

**River
Church**

In the beginning... Gen 3:8

- “..they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”
- Why is God out walking?
- They hide in the place of their ‘work for God’ from the Presence of God

God who walks among: Lev 26:11-12

- I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.
- God's heart is to
 - live with us
 - walk among us
 - have us as family

God who came to us: John 1:14

- And the Word became flesh and dwelt (*lit. 'tabernacled'*) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- God's heart is perfectly revealed in Jesus. There is significance in **how** He did what He came to do.
- “We beheld His glory”
 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life (1John1:1)

And at the end... Rev 21:3

- I heard a loud (mega) voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."
- “..a loud voice” – mega truth to be mega told
- God’s home is where we are – and He lives there!

Jesus on the road: Luke 24

- And it came to pass, that, while they communed [together] and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.... Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.
- They are in doubt, in disappointment, going their own way.
- Jesus walks with them, responds to their invitation, stays with them, reveals himself to them.

And so...

- Will we invite God's Presence – or hide?
- Where will we walk with Him?