3. Omnipresent ("None Like Him" by Jen Wilkin, ch.5-7) LWO 2024 - Mar

1. Have you ever wished you could be in two places at once? What is happening in a person's life that leads to this sort of thinking? What are we actually saying? Why do you think God has limited us to a physical body, located in one place at one time?

2. Omni= Three "Omni"s 1) 2) 3)

3. Samaritan Woman - John 4:20-24 - What is this woman's initial question? What does this say about her way of thinking about God and worship? What does Jesus' response tell her about God? How does this response of Jesus change how she thinks about worship?

4. Psalm 139:1-10 - Ancient religions taught that different gods were in charge of specific geographical places and present only in specific temples/idols located on the lands that they governed. What would that sort of thinking mean to you your worship life? What does this Psalm teach us about the LORD God?

5. Psalm 139:23-24 - Based on the ending of this psalm, what is the main point of God's omnipresence in our lives and what is the good that comes from it?

6. Acts 17:24-28 - What does Paul want the Greeks to know about their own "limited" nature? What are some ways that this "limited" life was especially true in the daily life of the ancient world? What does he want them to know about the God he worships?

7. How have these "limited" boundaries of life changed for us today? How does technology affect our ability to be present? How might technology tempt us more now than ever toward the illusion of becoming like God? How important do you think it is to understand (and teach our children) that online presence is always "virtual" presence? Why?

8. Have you ever noticed someone who is physically present but not really "with you"? What is happening and what is the difference?

9. In the Garden of Eden, what is the first thing God says to Adam and Eve after they have sinned? How does sin affect our experience of being present with God and God being present with us? Why does God ask this question?

10. Matthew 1:22-23 - What does the name Immanuel teach us about God's presence? Is there a difference then between God being omnipresent and God being with us? How do we discern the difference in our own experience of God's presence?

11. Ephesians 2:1-6 Paul's favorite phrase is "In Christ." What does "In Christ" tell us about our location and presence? Do you think that "in Christ" helps us to be more present or less present to the people around us? Who are the people in your life that you would like to be more fully present for "in Christ"?

12. Fill in the blanks – Today I learned that God is ______, which also taught me that I am ______. How will this impact my daily life?