



# The Grove

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## LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 06.23.24 Pulpit Curriculum

God's presence should terrorize us, and God's presence should thrill us.

### The Shock of God's Holiness and the Joy of God's Presence

Main Passage: 2 Samuel 6

#### 1) The Ark on the Move- The Right Thing in the Wrong Way (vv. 1-4)

[Exod. 25; Nu. 4:9, 7, 10:35-36; 1 Sam. 4-7; Col. 3:18]

- The Ark of the Covenant (Testimony) reveals who God is and reconciled Himself to His people, as He ruled from the mercy seat; It is important for His presence to dwell amongst His people, but in the right way...God's way.

##### a. Carelessness with God's Law

A. Ahio disregarded God's Law, and went before the Ark. What are some ways you prioritize other things/people before God? \_\_\_\_\_

##### b. Compromise with the culture

B. The Ark was never supposed to be transported on a cart (how the pagans handled it). As Christians, we are to be separate from the world's ways, so our lives and ministry should reflect God's ways for God's glory. How have you seen the world's ways infiltrate the American church?  
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##### c. Who is able to stand? [1 Sam. 6:13-20; Romans 5:2]

C. The only way into God's holy presence is through the forgiveness and merit of Jesus Christ and His victorious death on the cross and resurrection. Who in your life needs to hear this good news this week?  
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#### 2) An Incident of Anger against Uzzah- The Cost of Irreverence (vv. 5-11)

[Nu. 4:15, 20; Ezek. 18:4]

##### a. Why was God so angry?

D. We should never be careless in our worship or view towards our Holy God nor the things of God, which sadly, has become very normal in our culture (even in the visible church). How have you been tempted or influenced by the culture to approach God and personal/corporate worship of Him in a casual manner? \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. **Fearing God** [Deut. 31:12; Ps. 89:7; Ecc.12:13-14]

E. The scriptures are clear about the importance of fearing the Lord. List some other verses that help bring clarity on this topic. \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. **An Outbreak of Holiness** [1 Pet. 1:16; 1 Peter 4:17]

F. How has your life grown in holiness in the last six months? What area of your life would you like to see more growth in righteous living?  
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3) **Before the Lord- The Joy of Worship and Closeness to God** (vv.12-23)

[1 Chron. 15; Ps. 24]

a. **David's New Attitude**

b. **David's Thrilling Worship**

G. David's worship of God was exuberant and expressive but rooted in humility and not for praise of man. Is your worship and service for an audience of One? Are you tempted to be concerned about what others think about your walk with Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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H. How can you grow in passion in your worship "before the Lord?"  
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