



# pursuing the presence of **GOD**

## **The Presence is Eternal - The Ongoing presence of Jesus Christ**

**Main Text: Matthew 28:20; John 20:21; John 21:1-14**

**Supporting Text: John 1:1-3, Rev 22:12-13, John 15:5**

Throughout this series we have been talking about **“Pursuing the Presence of God”** and what that looks like throughout scripture and in our lives presently. This weekend Steve and Regina talked about how **“The Presence is Eternal”** John 1:1-3, Rev 22:12-13 and also what the **“Ongoing presence of Jesus Christ”** looked like in the lives of disciples and what that teaches us about how His ongoing presence can be experienced in our lives today.

When Jesus says to his disciples **“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** - Matthew 28:20 this brought them comfort and courage. He appears to them and to others several times over a 40 day period. He did this to prove he was alive and to prepare them for the task of telling the world the gospel message. The story of his appearance in John 21:1-14 is a beautiful illustration of how Jesus wanted to remind them of how his presence is with them and how as they follow his lead, he will continue to provide all that they need to fulfill what he has commissioned them to do. He does this by reminding them:

- 1. To recognize his presence so they can reflect on what he’s done before.**
- 2. That abiding in his presence is the only way to produce real Spiritual/eternal fruit.**
- 3. He invites us to join him in His work.**
- 4. His ongoing presence is manifested through the disciples then, now, and in the future.**

### **Questions:**

- How do we recognize The Eternal Presence of Jesus in our lives and the world around us today?
- John 15:5 says, “Apart from Him we can do nothing”. How do we practice abiding in Jesus as we go about our daily lives?
- He is our provision but He also invites us to bring what we have. How has Jesus invited you into his ongoing eternal work/ministry?
- What do you think it means that his ongoing presence is manifested through his believers?