

All Church Study 2026

REDIGGING THE WELLS

WEEK 1



THE WELL OF REGIONAL IMPACT

WEEK 1 – DISCUSSION GUIDE

Note for Leaders:

*Please read through this guide in advance and select the key points or questions you'd like to focus on during your time together. This guide is designed to be comprehensive, so **you do not need to cover every single section or question but be sure to make time for the application section.** Feel free to tailor the discussion to fit your group's flow with a target of a 60-75 minute gathering.*

Big Idea:

God's manifest Presence is the inheritance previous generations dug for us — and like Isaac, we must welcome it, host it, and follow it if we want to live from the well and not just remember it.

Connect With One Another

Begin by connecting personally with the topic before opening the Bible.

Discuss Together

Choose 2-3 Questions:

- What is something you inherited from your family— a trait, a habit, a way of seeing the world — that you didn't choose but shapes you anyway? (Grateful for it or not!)
- When have you been in a room where you could tell God was present? What was different?
- Who has influenced your understanding of what it means to seek God's Presence?
- Which part of Sunday's message challenged or unsettled you the most— and why?

In the Bible

INTRODUCTION

In this week's message we learned that Isaac inherited wells from his father that the enemy had stopped up — and he had to dig them again before he could drink from them. Our church has inherited fifty years of God's Presence, praise, power, and purpose, but an inheritance can be lost if we don't work to keep it. Obed-edom shows us how: He welcomed the Ark into his house when David was afraid of it. He was blessed by hosting God's Presence for three months, and when the Ark moved on, he left his blessed house and followed it for the rest of his life.

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about God, ourselves, and living by faith.

SERIES PASSAGE – READ TOGETHER FIRST

Genesis 26:18 ESV And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them.

TRUTH #1 — WELCOME HIM

2 Samuel 6:9–11 ESV And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

Exodus 33:15 ESV And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here."

Teaching Statement

Welcoming God's Presence takes courage and desire. David was afraid of the Ark that day; Obed-edom opened his door to it. If we don't have Him, whatever else we have is empty — so we need to want Him, and tell Him we want Him.

DISCUSS

- What stands out to you in this passage? Why might Obed-edom have been willing to receive what David was afraid of?
- What does this teach us about God — that His Presence can be both feared and welcomed?
- David resisted bringing the ark close out of fear, while Obed-edom welcomed it. What comfort, control, or habit are you hesitant to give up if you fully welcome God's Presence into your home or schedule?
- Why is this truth important? What does Moses' prayer in Exodus 33:15 say about how much we need Him?

TRUTH #2 — HOST HIM

2 Samuel 6:12 ESV And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God."

Acts 4:13 NIV When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Ezekiel 44:15 ESV But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me.

Teaching Statement

When we spend time in God's Presence, we are changed — joy, rest, transformation, and courage all flow from being with Him. But the goal is Him, not what He does. Like the sons of Zadok, we are called to minister to the Lord, not just serve in His house.

DISCUSS

- What do you notice in these passages? What was the evidence that Peter and John "had been with Jesus"?
- It's easy to stay busy doing work for God without actually spending time with Him. In what ways has activity or busyness in church work become a substitute for personal intimacy with God in your life?
- What keeps us from making time to simply be with Him — not to get something, but to be with Him?
- What encouragement does God offer here? What has changed in you during seasons when you were regularly in His Presence?

TRUTH #3 — FOLLOW HIM

1 Chronicles 16:37–38 ESV So David left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister regularly before the ark as each day required, and also Obed-edom and his sixty-eight brothers, while Obed-edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were to be gatekeepers.

Psalms 84:10 ESV For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Teaching Statement

When the ark moved on, Obed-edom didn't stay home with his blessed house and blessed fields — he followed the Presence to Jerusalem and spent the rest of his life as a gatekeeper before it. Following after God's Presence is not a one-time decision; it is a daily, priority-readjusting, calendar-disorienting commitment to do whatever it takes.

DISCUSS

- How does Jesus fulfill or demonstrate this truth? (Consider how Jesus called disciples to leave what they had and follow Him — Luke 9:23.)
- Obed-edom went from owning a house to watching God's house. Was that a demotion or a promotion? What difference would it make if we truly believed Psalm 84:10?
- Obed-edom abandoned a comfortable, blessed home to become a gatekeeper where God's presence moved. Where in your life are you holding onto past blessings rather than stepping into where God is active right now?

Application

Take time to move from discussion to personal response.

REFLECT

Choose 3–5 Questions:

- Where do you see yourself in this story — David, afraid of what God might do? Obed-edom, opening the door? Someone who was blessed but stayed home when the Presence moved on?
- What "well" in your spiritual inheritance has become stopped up — a practice of prayer, worship, or seeking God that you once had and have let go?
- What is God highlighting in your life right now about His Presence?
- Is there a belief, attitude, or habit that keeps you from making Him the goal rather than what He can do for you?
- What specific time and place will you set aside this week to seek Him? What boundary do you need to set (e.g., phone habits, work boundaries, morning routine) to make sure that time remains unbroken?

PRAY TOGETHER

Take time to pray for one another regarding:

- Areas where someone feels distant from God's Presence
- Specific needs mentioned during discussion
- The courage to welcome Him fully, and the discipline to host Him daily
- That our church would truly become "a place of encounter — where people come to encounter the living God"

Family Discussion

Designed to use at home with those who have younger kids.

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***For younger children:** The ark was a special golden box that showed God was with His people. A man named Obed-edom let God's special box stay at his house for three months – and God blessed his whole family because of it. When it was time for the ark to move, Obed-edom went with it and served God for the rest of his life.*

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PRAY TOGETHER

Close by thanking God for:

- His Presence – that He wants to be with us and in our home
- His faithfulness to our church for fifty years
- Opportunities to grow together as a family in seeking Him