

# THE LIVING ROOM

(My Heart, Christ's Home; Message Seven)  
John 15:1-8

## A. Robert Munger, in *My Heart, Christ's Home*, pictures Jesus asking to come in our living room

*"Let's come here often. It is secluded and quiet; we can have good talks and fellowship here in this room"* (Robert Munger)

*"One morning, as I ran past the doorway to the living room on my way to a meeting, I noticed the fire in the fire place...and Jesus sitting there...just as he promised"*  
(Robert Munger)

## OUR SOUL

### A. If you've read the Bible, you know God created our soul to search for him

*"You God are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you"* (Psalm 63:1)

*"My soul thirsts for you like a parched land thirsts for water"* (Psalm 143:6)

### B. When God created the world, he built an amazing living room, a quiet, intimate setting, a garden

*"Then [Adam] and [Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day..."* (Genesis 3:8)

### C. We've sinned - and prefer to hide from God among the trees...

1. God calls out, "Where *are* you?" (God knew exactly where they were)
2. God is asking, "*Where are you in relationship to me?*"

## OUR HISTORY

### A. Noah walked with God, so did Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

#### 1. Then came "Immanuel" ("God with Us")

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you will be with me as I am with you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:3-4)

#### 2. Jesus initiated his grand plan when he appointed twelve disciples so

*"they might be with him"*

#### 3. Jesus sent his Spirit to be "with them" and called an Acts 2 Community to be with Him

### B. How many moments of my day can I fill with an awareness of his presence?

1. This is a discipline. It requires intentionality
2. It doesn't make any sense to try and do life without God

## THE ASSUMPTIONS

### A. (1<sup>st</sup>) God wants to make every moment of our life glorious with his presence

1. Christians often focus on trying not to sin (that makes our focus on sin!)
2. God wants us to focus on him; to practice his presence

*"I have set the Lord always before me"* (Psalm 16:8; ESV)

*"We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ"* (2 Corinthians 10:5)

### B. (2<sup>nd</sup>) The best way to start doing life with God is in small moments

#### 1. Munger suggests beginning every day with a few moments together

*"Morning after morning...listening to him through his Word and Spirit, speaking to him in prayer"* (Robert Munger)

#### 2. Hurry is one of the major barriers that keeps us from "*being with God*"

### C. (3<sup>rd</sup>) People will look different when I see them while being "with God"

#### 1. People are a huge part of life - we have to live with them

#### 2. When we're "with God" we tend to see people more like God sees them; if we're conscious of God's presence, it impacts how we respond

*"From now on, regard no one from a worldly point of view"* (2 Cor. 5:16)

#### 3. Imagine how life (church) would be different if we saw and responded to each other through Christ's eyes...it will only happen if we spend time with him

### D. God created a perfect place for our soul where he could be with us

1. But in our busyness, we walk by - usually in a hurry to get on with our agenda
2. Don't let Christ wait alone in the living room of your heart; accept his invitation and your soul rest in him