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God is a Homecoming God

From the opening words of Genesis to the closing words of Revelation, God desires His people to be with Him. Unfortunately, Scripture is full of stories where God's people walk away from God. Thankfully God does not leave His people alone because God is a homecoming God.

Verses:

Ezra 1:1-2, 2:2, 6:16-18, 7:10-13

Nehemiah 1:1-3, 2:1-8, 2:18-20, 6:16, 8:3, 9:28, 12:27, 13

Zechariah 8:1-8

Luke 14:7-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Revelation 19:1-5, 21:1-5, 9-27

Outline:

1. God calls His people home to rebuild His temple.

2. God calls His people home to reaffirm His covenant.

3. God calls His people home to reconstruct His city.

4. God calls His people home to be with Him.

Study Questions:

1. Why was it important to rebuild the Temple? Why did some people weep when the Temple was complete? Where is our temple today?

2. Why was it necessary for the people to reaffirm the covenant? What covenant do we live under today? How is that confirmed?

3. Why did Nehemiah desire to rebuild the walls? How was God vindicated when the walls were reconstructed?

4. What is our ultimate homecoming? Why is that our hope?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?