



Sunday 21st January 2024
Power & Praise in the presence of God (2 Samuel 6)

1. God's presence brings awe (v.1-10)



2. God's presence brings joy (v.11-23)



Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

Think about the 2 articles mentioned at the beginning of the talk. Why do many people either think religion has a negative impact on society or is not relevant even when faced with death? *Why isn't there a recognition of God's power in life?*

1. God's presence brings awe (v.1-10)

What was special about the Ark of the Covenant and why did David bring it into Jerusalem?

Was God harshly judging Uzzah for just trying to help by stabilising the ark?

What does it mean for God to be 'Holy'?

Do you think we treat God with the respect He deserves if we truly believe in His holiness and power? How might we have a greater sense of awe of God?

2. God's presence brings joy (v.11-23)

What happened to Obed-Edom when the Ark was in his household? How did this help David regain a right perspective of God?

How did David now combine a rejoicing and trembling (Psalm 2:11) before God? How might remembering Jesus' sacrifice help us do the same?

How are your joy levels at the moment? What impacts this joy and what might recover it?

How joyful would you say our church is collectively? What might enhance it?

What did Michal's response to David convey about her heart?

How do we create an environment at PBC where we are free to express our joy but that it remains authentic and not for 'show'?