Sermon Date: Sunday, August 18

## DESPERATE FOR GOD TO MOVE

We're kicking off the fall with the launch of a new sermon series we're calling "Desperate for God to Move." Together, we will look throughout the Bible and consider what it looks like to be desperate for God to move when you're afraid, when you're abandoned when you're betrayed, when you need healing, or when you find yourself exhausted. Today, we're going to discuss what it means to be "Desperate for the Presence of God" by centering this first study on our theme verse for the entire series, Isaiah 64:1: "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence."

Key Passage: Isaiah 64:1

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does being "desperate for God to move" mean for your life and our church?
- 2. How can our church maintain a God-centered focus amid various programs and activities?
- 3. In what ways can our personal holiness and passionate worship attract the presence of God?
- 4. What practical steps can we take to seek God's presence more earnestly?
- **5.** How do we differentiate between God's omnipresence and manifest presence? Why is God's manifest presence unique?
- **6.** What is the importance of focusing on God rather than just fulfilling people's felt needs?
- 7. How can we ensure that our efforts to reach people are aligned with inviting God's presence?
- **8.** What lessons can be drawn from Haggai regarding rebuilding temple and focusing on God's work?
- **9.** How can the church collectively create an environment where God's presence is welcomed and experienced?
- 10. What about this lesson challenged you the most? What was your biggest takeaway?