

## **PRESENCE**

As preached on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Psalm 15:1-5

1. Have you ever attended an event where you had to be “cleared” by someone for entrance? How did that feel? What were the requirements?
2. The psalmist opens today’s text with two questions. What are they? Do they mean the same thing or are they asking two separate questions?
3. Verses 2-5 provide eleven answers to those opening questions. How would you summarize what is communicated there? Are the standards easy to attain or difficult? Impossible?
4. What is communicated in vv.2-5 about what we say? What do you think about this?
5. What is communicated in vv.2-5 about what we do? Is this reasonable?
6. On Sunday we talked through what Temple Worship was like in Jesus’ time. What did you think of the various restrictions? How available was the presence of God to the people?
7. Take a moment to read Matthew 27:50-51. How does it relate to Temple Worship? How does it relate to Psalm 15?
8. After all that we’ve considered this week, how would you answer the question: *Who may dwell in the presence of God?*