



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 046 - God's Exclusive Clubhouse? Deuteronomy 12:1-14

Moses instructed the Israelites that God would choose one place to put His Name. That is where they would worship Him.

- What things was God teaching Israel by choosing only one place of worship?

Moses made it clear that God would put His Name there, but that didn't mean God was confined in that place.

- What distinction would you draw between God and His Name?
- How would you define God's "Name"?
- When we pray "Hallowed be Thy Name," what are we really praying?

In John 1:14 we read, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

- Discuss the various ways Jesus revealed the Name, reputation, and nature of God to the people around Him.
- In Baptism we are marked by God's Name. In what ways do we serve as houses of God out in the world?

In time the people of Israel came to forget that God had only placed His Name in the Tent of Meeting and the temple. They came to think that God was confined within the temple.

- How do we sometimes act as if God was contained and confined in our church building?
- How can your congregation carry God's Name out into the world after worship?