

WEEK 2: **Jehovah Shammah** (The Lord Is There)

Welcome to the BEST night of the week!

Title: Never Forsaken

Opening Illustration/ALONE

- **Have you ever gone through a great difficulty and felt like you were alone, that even God didn't care or hear you, that He had even abandoned you?**

CASE

- To many time we are quick to lean on things of this world when we feel alone, left out, or forgotten rather than leaning into God's word and understand that he is always there.

Scripture

Ezekiel 48:30-35

“30These will be the exits of the city: Beginning on the north side, which is 4,500 cubits long, 31the gates of the city will be named after the tribes of Israel. The three gates on the north side will be the gate of Reuben, the gate of Judah and the gate of Levi. 32“On the east side, which is 4,500 cubits long, will be three gates: the gate of Joseph, the gate of Benjamin and the gate of Dan. 33“On the south side, which measures 4,500 cubits, will be three gates: the gate of Simeon, the gate of Issachar and the gate of Zebulun. 34“On the west side, which is 4,500 cubits long, will be three gates: the gate of Gad, the gate of Asher and the gate of Naphtali. 35““The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. “And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there.”

PRAY

POINT 1// Feelings come and go but Jesus is always there.

CONNECTION

- Tell a story of a time where you allowed your feelings to get become bigger than your faith.
- Not only do we or can we feel alone or allow our feelings to over rule our faith this even happened David he felt alone. Check out what he says.

(Psalms 22:1)

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?”

How many of us have cried out to God, thinking he had forgotten you or was no longer with you ?

- See even David wondered if God really cared about him.
- His Faith was low when his feelings were high

Let me show you someone else who thought he was alone.....

Get the students to try and guess who else

- JESUS HIMSELF
- **Matthew 27:46**

(46) At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

- Jesus had times of pain and suffering
- Jesus was as much man as he was God
- Jesus felt forgotten
- Jesus even cried out to his father

-IT IS OK TO CRY OUT TO JESUS BECAUSE HE IS THERE

POINT 2// Focus On The Facts (what the BIBLE says)

GIVE STUDENTS ENCOURAGEMENT!!!

FACT 1 - JESUS IS THERE

(MATTHEW 28:20)

20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

FACT 2 - HE NEVER LEAVES OUR SIDE

(1 KINGS 8:57)

57 May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

FACT 3 - HE IS NEAR THE BROKEN HEARTED

(PSALMS 34:18)

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

FACT 4 - HE LOVES US

(1 JOHN 4:10)

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

FACT 5 - HE DIED FOR OUR SINS SO WE COULD HAVE AN EVERLASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

(ROMAN5:8)

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Verse- Psalm 22:3-5

3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

you are the one Israel praises.

**4 In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.**

**5 To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

- 1. God is on the throne - always!**
- 2. People in the past trusted in God and were saved!**
-Do you still trust God in your situation?
- a. Israel cried out for 430 years in Egypt for deliverance.**
- b. God did deliver them.**
- c. God didn't disappoint them; He was there, even in their captivity!**

LEAVE YOU WITH THIS.

(HEBREW 13:8)

- **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!!!!!! So if he was there back then he is STILL THERE/HERE/WITH YOU Right now !!**

POINT 3// GOD WINS

(Zephaniah 3:17)

(17) The LORD your God wins victory after victory and is always with you.

- **So no matter what we are going through, no matter what the day holds, no matter who disappoints us, no matter how lonely we may feel...**
- **We serve a winning God and since his word is true and living if God wins and HE IS THERE.... WE WIN TOO!**

RESPONSE//

- 0 **Gospel response: Find truth/ Know Jesus is there (Jehovah Shammah)**
- 0 **Praise Him because he is always there!**
- 0 **Worship/Alter**
 - **Maybe you are here tonight and you feel like the Lord isn't there anymore, or maybe you have walked away and can no longer feel his presence....**
- 0 **Prayer for comfort and push the fact that God is there and hears their cries sees them at their lowest point and hears their prayers.**