



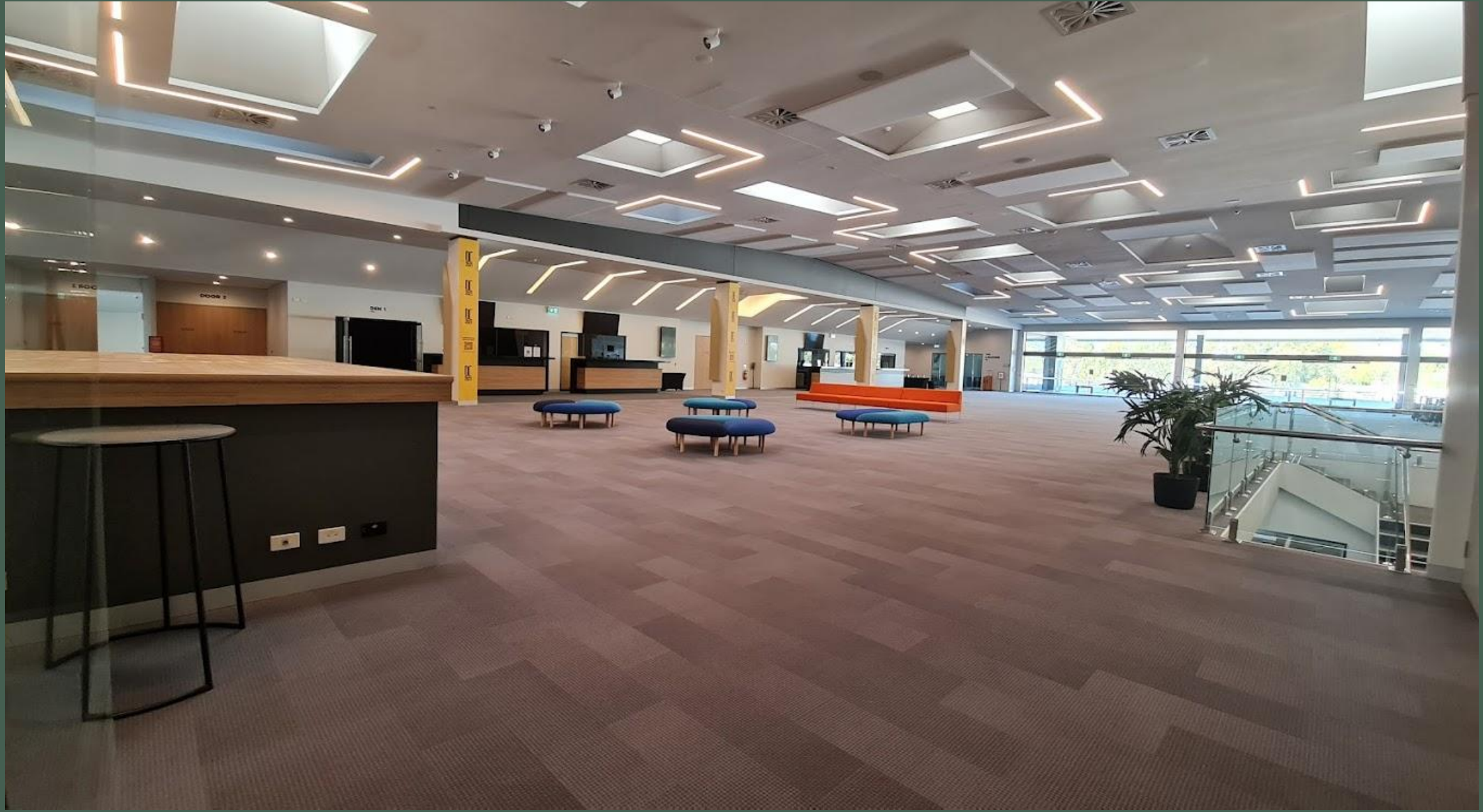
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WATCHMAN NEE:

“I will not pray for you to try and be more patient with your children, but I will pray for you to let Jesus be patient with your children through you.”

John 15: 5 – “I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

1John 4: 15 – 16 - “If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

Love is something true of God, but it is not God. God is more than love. He is also righteous, just, holy, self-existent (uncreated), unchanging, eternal etc.

Frederick M Lehman:

“Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill?
And every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry?
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.”

3 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

1. God's Love is about Desiring Good for Man

WHAT IS LOVE?

It is **silence**--when your words would hurt.

It is **patience**--when your neighbour is curt.

It is **deafness**--when a scandal flows.

It is **thoughtfulness**--for other's woes.

It is **promptness**--when stern duty calls.

It is **courage**--when misfortune falls.

1John 4: 18 – “There is no fear in love. But perfect love cast out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4: 19 – “We love because
he first loved us.”

John 15: 12 – 15 – “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends...”

ISRAEL HOUGHTON:

“Who am I that you are mindful of me?

That you hear me when I call

Is it true that you are thinking of me?

That you love me, it's amazing

I am a friend of God (3x)

God Almighty, Lord of Glory

You have called me friend

He calls me friend (2x)

3 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

1. God's Love is about Desiring Good for Man
2. God's Love is about Giving Freely to Man

John 3: 16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

“Mister...Are you God?”

We are never more like God
than when we give.

3 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

1. God's Love is about Desiring Good for Man
2. God's Love is about Giving Freely to Man
3. God's Love is about Taking Delight in Man

Genesis 1: 31 - “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good...”

He loves us not because we are beautiful,
but we are beautiful because He loved us.

Zephaniah 3: 17 – “The Lord your God is with you; He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8 - “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

He loves you with an **unconditional** love.

He loves you with an **unfailing** love.

He loves you with an **unending** love.

Romans 5: 6 – 8 – “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrated his own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 3: 16a – “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us...”

1 John 3: 16b – “...And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”

May **SJSM** become a House
saturated with the **Love of God!**

Hebrews 11: 6 - “And without **faith** it is impossible to **please** God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly **seek** him.”

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Discussion

- 1. How has the Lord spoken to you through this session?**
- 2. What is one thing you want to do as a personal application?**
- 3. Break into groups of 3 and pray for each other.**