

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been a recipient of an unexpected gift? Share the details and how did it make you feel to receive the blessing from someone.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: 1 Kings 6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read: 1 Corinthians 6:19
Ephesians 2:10

Temples and churches are special places because these are the places where God's people gather and experience the sweetest communion with Him through His Word and worship. Today we honour God with a different temple. God's Holy Spirit dwells in the believer. You are His Church. You are much more majestic than Solomon's temple. You are God's majestic Church. When you go to work, go to school, and when you are at home you are bringing the presence of God with you.

How do you personally live your life to demonstrate that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?

- Read: John 13:35
1 John 3:14
Mark 12:28-31

"The primary ministry and mission of the Holy Spirit is to inhabit our whole lives to the end that we be given to loving others as Jesus has loved us. This is the entire meaning of sanctification—of being made holy as God is holy—loving others as Jesus has loved us. This is the sum total of the will of God: to love others as Jesus has loved us."
— J.D. Walt Vice President & Sower in Chief for Seedbed Publishing

We are not called to be on display. We are called to be on a mission — God is living in you and He is using you to change the direction of people's lives towards Him and it begins with knowing and accepting that Jesus loves you too. And we may do battle here because we know... I don't deserve this kind of love, and I am not worthy of this kind of love, I have done nothing to earn this kind of love from God and yet...Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. Once you come to love

Jesus, you begin to live like Jesus which really is to say, you love others just like Jesus.

Share about a time that you struggled to receive God's love possibly because of something you did or said and how did Jesus reveal His love to you?

Love is an action and as such requires something from us. As God's Word speaks to us in John 13:34, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other," what is God speaking directly to you that you must do to walk in obedience to honour this commandment?

- **God has always been more interested in what He can build inside of us than what we can build for Him.**

One of the most powerful prayers you could ever pray is, "Use me, God". Show me what my part is for this mission to change the world one heart at a time. Start using me for your purposes at home, at work, in my church and community. The mission of the Church isn't to just build a building, to work hard, to persevere and to preach good doctrine. All of these are important and needed but like the church in Ephesus, it is possible to do these things, and do them well and not be the church Jesus is looking for. Jesus is wanting a people who love Him and love one another and who is willing to be used to change hearts.

Take time together and pray the prayer together as a small group. "Use us God." Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and share with each other what was impressed upon you to be His Church as a group.

PERSONAL REFLECTION / CHALLENGE

Begin each day this coming week inviting God to use you through the day. Walk through the main events of your upcoming day with Him in prayer.

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep our missionary family in Northern Asia in your prayers as this week's highlighted missionaries.

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