



BIG IDEA

The Lamb, Jesus Christ, is the eternal temple. Jesus is the Temple that the temple Solomon built was always pointing to.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

Read: 1 Kings 8:1-11, 1 Kings 8:27-30, John 2:13-22

1. How do we see God's faithfulness reflected in the completion and dedication of the Temple?
2. Reflect on the symbolic connection between the physical temple and Jesus as the true temple. How does this connection deepen your understanding of Jesus' role and significance?
3. John 2:13-22 describes Jesus' cleansing of the temple for the Passover celebration. What was significant about this cleansing, and what was the prophecy being fulfilled that John mentioned in verse 17. What was the context in which this prophecy was given?
4. In what ways does the idea of believers being "living stones" of God's temple impact your understanding of our relationship with God the Trinity?
5. How would you describe your zeal for the gathering of the saints to worship God together each week? How would you address a professing Christian who makes the claim they don't need to gather with the saints to worship God? Where else in Scripture could you point them to for helping them understand the importance of gathering together?
6. What steps can you take to increase your zeal and passion for God's house seen in Jesus?
7. What stood out to you the most in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?
8. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: Admire God in that not even the heavens and earth can contain him. Confess that we defile ourselves with sin. Thank Jesus that he cleanses us as the temple by the shedding of his blood. Ask God to give us zeal for the gathering of his saints to worship him as Lord.

Read: Consider reading 1 Kings to further your understanding of the broader context of Solomon's reign.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, memorize a verse from the sermon passage that stuck out to you this week.

Love: Share Jesus as the Cornerstone to someone who needs to hear about him.