

THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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TABLETALK STARTERS

(For family devotions and Life Groups)

Introduction:

1. A brief history about the Old Testament temple
2. Reflections from this history for us today

Texts: 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 6:16; 7:1

A. The PERSON in the Temple

1. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person in the Godhead (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).
2. Key Scriptures that mark the Holy Spirit as a Person:
 - a. His intelligence (1 Cor. 2:10-11; Rom. 8:27)
 - b. His emotion (Rom. 15:30; Eph. 4:30)
 - c. His will (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

B. The PURPOSE of the Temple

To serve as a spiritual center

1. A center for prayer (Matt. 21:13)
2. A center for instruction gathering (Psalm. 134:1-2; Psalm. 122:1, 4; 1 Peter. 2:4-5; Heb. 10:25)
3. A center for Scriptural worship (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Tim. 4:2-3)
4. A center for Christian fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46-47)
5. A center for global witness (Acts 1:8)

Conclusion:

1. A hard hard from the destruction of the Old Testament temple.
2. A challenge for us to be and to remain a temple of the Holy Spirit.
3. Let's remember that we are a temple of the Holy Spirit not a motel of the Holy Spirit.

1. Why did the Old Testament temple cease to serve its purpose and was finally destroyed, and what is the warning of this to us today-as individual believers, as families, and as a church?

READ: 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1

2. What is the central point that ties these Scriptures together, and make applicable to us today?
3. What is the significance of the Third Person in the Godhead being called the Holy Spirit, in relation to us members of the church as a temple of the Holy Spirit?
4. Which of the five purposes of the church as the temple of the Holy Spirit discussed in last Sunday's sermon needs most attention in our church?
 - a. Prayer?
 - b. Worship gathering?
 - c. Spiritual instruction?
 - d. Christian fellowship?
 - e. Global witness?
 - f. All of the above?
5. How can you help to pay closer attention to this fivefold purpose of the church?
6. Respond to Pastor Fred's article, "A Temple, Not A Motel", at the back of the bulletin.

PRAY!