

April 14 Discussion Questions - Temple

1 Kings 8:10-25,46-50

Review

The Temple represented the Presence and Blessing of God

“And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.” 1 Kings 8:11

We can experience God’s blessing through:

1. God-Glorifying Prayer (v. 15,22,27,39-40; 2 Thes. 1:11-12)
2. Faith-Filled Prayer (v. 15,20,24,26)
3. Whole-Hearted Prayer (v. 38,47-48; 9:6-7)
4. Obedience-Oriented Prayer (9:4; 8:26,33)

“In Christ the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:21-22

Connect

1. What is a special place for you to connect with God? Do you have a “go to” spot in the house, a favorite location at the beach, a park you like...?
2. What is your favorite place on Oakwood’s campus? Why?

Read 1 Kings 8:10-25,46-50

Discuss

3. What do you think this moment – the dedication of the Temple – meant for Solomon and the people of Israel? How do you think they felt?
4. What stands out to you in Solomon’s prayer? What were his primary desires and requests?
5. Solomon anticipates the future sin and rebellion of Israel (v. 31-37) including their future time of captivity (v. 46-51). What is the hope for sinners in a situation like that?
6. How is Solomon’s life a warning for us?

Apply

7. Read Ephesians 2:17-22. How does Paul compare the church in Ephesus (composed of both Jews and Gentiles) to the temple? What is this metaphor meant to convey? How does it encourage you?
8. How does Solomon’s prayer compare with how you usually pray? What can we learn from this prayer?

Pray

9. Spend some time in God-glorifying, faith-filled, whole-hearted, obedience-oriented prayer!