

The King and His People
The Church: The Temple of the Holy Spirit
Sermon Notes for June 20, 2021

>The Temple Thread in Scripture

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>One Practical Challenge

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Discussion/Study Guide for

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We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- What are the different meanings for the word church in our common vocabulary? What are different images that are used in the Bible to define the Church?
- From last Sunday's sermon, can you recall the "Temple Thread in Scripture?" Where did it start and where does it end?
- Since tabernacle and temple are not common terms used in our culture, it's important to understand what the Bible means when it talks about the tabernacle and temple, especially when it talks about the church being the Temple of the Holy Spirit. What are some activities that went on inside the Tabernacle and Temple? See Exodus 33:7-11; 40:16-38.
- Read 1 Kings 8:31-53. What does Solomon's prayer reveal about the purposes of the Temple?
- According to John 1:14 and 2:18-21, how do these verses help us understand that the concept of the temple in the gospels is focused on the person of Jesus and not the building? How does Jesus fulfill the role of the Temple in the gospels?
- How do Peter and Paul describe the church in the following verses? 1 Peter 2:4-5; Eph. 2:17-22; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1.
- If the Church exists in a similar way as the temple and as the embodiment of Jesus in the world, how does this inform our mission and purpose as a church?
- How does the fact that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, the Church, encourage you in being God's Temple in the world today?
- Are there any idols in your life right now that are hindering you from being all that you should be as the Temple of the Holy Spirit? Take time to reflect and ask God's Spirit to cleanse you from anything that would compete with Him in your life right now.