



identity

I Am The Temple - 3/29/2020

OVERVIEW

Places have importance. Some places even mark us. The memories we make there will forever be imprinted on our hearts and minds. Think about Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments, The Red Sea where God saved the Israelites and the Temple where the people would go to encounter God. Throughout Scripture we see examples of places being marked in history by how God moved there. But Jesus' death on the cross and the Holy Spirit coming to us changed the need for the Temple. Today the Temple is NOT the church building - it is the PEOPLE. We are the Temple!! If we are God's Temple to the world around us, how are you helping others around you connect with—or encounter—God?

Scripture (ESV): John 2:13-22; Hebrews 10:19-25; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

APPLICATION

- Last week, Woody talked about the opportunity we have to express the power of who Jesus is in the midst of the fear that is encompassing our world. How have you leaned into that opportunity this week rather than fear?
- What are five places in your life that have changed in the last few weeks? What emotions are partnered with those changes?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. What Jesus did on the cross changed the way we connect with God. We no longer need a tabernacle, temple or priest. As followers of Jesus, His Spirit dwells in us and we are a living temple. How has your mindset changed because of the realization that your identity is now "A Temple of God"?
- The purpose of the Temple was to help people connect with God. If we are God's Temple to the world around us, how are you helping others around you connect with God?
- Share a specific way you are going to be God's Temple and point someone to Jesus this week.
- HOMEWORK: This week, renew your mind each day by reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. The key to living a new life is to embrace the new identity He has given you.