

BEFORE THE SESSION:

- Look over the suggested questions to the right. Ask God to guide you to the ones that will work best for your group.
- Be prepared to get the discussion going in your group if they're not feeling it today.
- Don't feel like you have to know all there is to know about scripture. Use this week's study notes to prepare yourself. But, if something arises that you can't answer, tell your group, "That's a great question. I'll research that and get back with you." Then, email eddie. mosley@lifepointchurch.org for help.

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Because the Holy Spirit resides in our hearts instead of a building, our lives should be radically changed.

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Read Ecclesiastes and how useless life is apart from God.

AS YOU READ...

...Think about who in your life needs to hear about the things you're reading.

CONNECT**(10 min.)**

Choose one or both of the following questions to begin your time together as a group.

1. **What is something you consider yourself to be good at? Not so good at? How would your spouse or a close friend answer that question about you?**
2. **Do you think that you always acknowledge God's faithfulness? Are there any areas in your life where you think you do not give Him enough credit?**

EXPLORE**(40 min.)**

Say something like, "Today we will how the Holy Spirit redirects our lives to enable us to glorify God." Then guide your group through these questions.

3. **If you were in worship this week, what statement or experience stood out to you? What stood out during last week's reading?**

(Leader: Take some time to discuss any questions that may have arisen as your members read through this week's assigned reading.)

4. **Read 1 Kings 8:23-26. Which of God's promises has Solomon seen fulfilled already? What promises does he hope to see fulfilled in the future? Has God ever fulfilled a promise for you? Is there a promise in scripture that you would like to see fulfilled one day?**
5. **Read 1 Kings 8:27. Explain the reason for Solomon's amazement and humility in this verse. (Hint: God used him to build the temple.)**
6. **Read 1 Kings 8:28-30. What is Solomon asking God to do? Is there a certain place or time that you feel like God hears you more. Where or when do you hear Him more clearly?**
7. **Read Acts 2:1-4. What practical difference does it make in your life when the Holy Spirit inhabits you individually instead of a building that we go to periodically? (Examples: You don't need a priest to hear from God. You can hear from Him daily.)**

TRANSFORM**(10 min.)**

Wrap up your time by recalling a few things from your meeting that stood out to you. Then, ask the following question and pray together.

8. **What did you learn about God from our discussion? About people? What will you do with what you learned?**

This Week's Study Notes:

Scripture Notes

1 Kings 8:25

Solomon prayed for his people, that God would continue to fulfill His promises to David and to hear their prayers. As he interceded for them, Solomon emphasized the need for them to be faithful to God.

1 Kings 8:27

Since God is infinite, no building—even a magnificent one—can contain Him. And yet God chooses to dwell among His people.

1 Kings 8:28

Solomon knew that God hears and answers the prayers of obedient people. Thus, Solomon's prayer was also an exhortation to obedience.

1 Kings 8:33

Sin against God caused defeat in battle (see Leviticus 26:36-39). Solomon asked God to forgive His people when they repent and confess their sins.

Leader Tips

AS YOU READ THIS WEEK...

- Think about and pray for each member of your small group.
- Think through the following questions:
 1. Whom does God bring to mind as I read these verses? Why?
 2. What needs to change in my own life as a result of what I'm reading?
 3. Whom do I need to tell about these verses?

FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY WE RECOMMEND...

- Bible Commentary: Bible.org
- Bible Commentary: DesiringGod.org
- Pronouncing Biblical Words: Netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm

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