



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
September 8, 2024

Refresh

Read John 1:14, John 2:13-22, and 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

Why do Christians tend to equate modern-day church buildings with the Temple in the Old Testament? What are some important differences between the Old Testament Temple and church buildings today?

How does God's dwelling place among His people unfold throughout the pages of Scripture? Why might this progression of God's presence among His people be important to understand? What does this reveal about God's desire to dwell with us?

How do the laws given for worship in the Temple inform us of how God wants to be worshipped? Why do we not simply follow those same laws for corporate worship today?

How does John 1:14 capture the glorious reality that God came to dwell among us? Spend some time as a group reflecting on the amazing truth that the Holy God would physically come to dwell among sinners.

How does the Temple point to Christ's work to gain us entrance into the presence of God? Take some time to rehearse the various aspects of Temple worship that served as foreshadows of a coming Savior.

How does 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 help us understand the Temple of God in light of the New Covenant? How might this change the way we think of church buildings today as opposed to the Temple in the Old Testament? How might this change the way we live as believers today?