

A SHORT STUDY ON THE HOUSES OF GOD

Love: How do these devotions teach about the love of God and the love for one another?

Learn: What have you learned about where Jesus walked that helps you with where you walk?

Share: What key insights have you learned this week on how to share your faith with others?

Monday, October 24th – *Read Deuteronomy 10:1-14.* After the golden calf incident, Moses has to ascend the mountain a second time. What was the purpose of the ark? What is the essence of the Law? Does it sound familiar? (Read Luke 10:26-28)

Tuesday, October 25th – *Read Joshua 7:6-8, Exodus 25:22.* While the ark was meant to contain the stone tablets of the 10 Commandments, what does today's scripture say about the ark and it being the place where God's presence rested. So the mountain was God's first "house" and the next was the ark.

Wednesday, October 26th – *Read Exodus 36:8-39:43.* One chapter was used to describe the structure of the world but six chapters were used to describe the building of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was the next "house" for God since it housed the ark. There were also dividers to prevent the accidental death of sinful people coming into contact with the ark.

Thursday, October 27th – *Continue Exodus 36:8-39:43.* The Tabernacle was not meant to be a temporary "house" for God. Exodus 30:8, 16, 21 and 31 all use phrases like "perpetual" and "throughout your generations" to describe the relationship between God, the Tabernacle, and God's people. What does it mean to have a permanent relationship but a temporary location?

Friday, October 28th – *Read 2 Chronicles 2-4.* Our Scripture from Sunday was David lounging in his palace and wanting God to have a nice house. God refuses at that time but makes the Davidic promise for Solomon to build the Temple and for the Messiah to come from his lineage. David helped to gather materials for the temple (1 Chronicles 29:1-9) but not build it.

Saturday, October 29th – *Continue 2 Chronicles 2-4.* Once Canaan had been conquered the Temple could be built. God was explicit that for this relationship to remain, the people must remain faithful. If they were not? The Temple would be destroyed and the people would be scattered. This came to pass and the people were sent to exile. The Second Temple was constructed but not nearly as beautifully as the first (so much so that those who remembered the first one wept when they saw it Ezra 3:12) Haggai 2:2-4 tells the people after the First Temple is destroyed that God wasn't in the Temple but remains with the people. John 1:14 says the Word became flesh and "tabernacled" or dwelled among us. 1 Peter 2:4-5,9 says that those who follow Jesus Christ are the stones of the dwelling place of God. What "house" will God choose? God chooses you and me, to live and move through the Holy Spirit.

Serve: Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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