



3. “Temple”

¹⁴ For he [Christ] himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. -Ephesians 2:14-22 (NIV)

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you felt you were in the presence of God or felt you were closest to God? Share with the group.
2. Watch the video from The Bible Project “Temple”. How did this video agree with or challenge your understanding of the Temple in the Bible?
3. Read Ephesians 2:14-22. In what ways do you see this passage affirming some of the ideas presented in the video about the temple?
4. How does this text and topic of the temple speak to what God wants to do in and through you?

Next week’s study from the Bible Project (Church at Home) will be on “Image of God”