

Small Group Questions December 11th 2016 God is our Hope and our Hope is in His House

Ps. 84:1 Isaiah 37:16

- 1. When you think about being in the "Presence" of God what comes to your mind?
- 2. What was the purpose of the Tabernacle in the Old Testament? (This was a really large and fancy tent that the Israelites set up at different places as they moved around. God chose to dwell in this physical structure)
- 3. Describe the "Holy of Holies" area of the Tabernacle. (This area was the area where God's presence was the strongest. A person was only allowed to enter this area one time each year. The separation between God and man was very clear)
- In Matthew 27:46-51, the view of the temple is torn in two. What does this mean for us Spiritually? (Jesus has made a way for us to be close to God that was never possible until the sacrifice of Jesus)

Hebrews 6:18-20 Hebrews 10:19-23

5. What is your reflection on these two scriptures in Hebrews?

What would this have meant to the Jewish readers of Hebrews?

6. Psalm 84:10 says... "...One day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere..." Do you honestly feel this way? Do your actions and priorities reflect this conviction?

Psalm 84:6-7 Psalm 84:11

6b. The word "Baca" means weeping. The verse says as we go through our own dark valley God provides comfort through springs. How have you experienced God's care during hard times?

Psalm 91:9-16

- 7. What promise or promises in these verses are most encouraging to you?
- 8. What situations in your life cause you to doubt God's care for you?

9. What could you change in your life that would help the Truth of God's care and provision be more real to you?