



## Week 3: New Testament

**Big Idea:** Jesus came and left His Spirit in us -- the new temples of the LORD

**Sermon Overview:** To see how Jesus was the fulfillment of what the OT was pointing to and what the Israelites were waiting for. To understand that Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit means that believers are now the Temple of God.

**Scripture to Read:** John 1.1-14; Colossians 1.15-20; Luke 24.25-27; Acts 2.1-4 (w/ Romans 8.11); River of life: Ezekiel 47; Revelation 22; John 7.37-38

### Questions to Ponder:

- How does God fulfill the prophecy about the presence of God dwelling in the new temple from Ezekiel?
- How is Jesus a representation of the Tabernacle?
- What is the significance of Acts 2.1-4?
- Like the Tabernacle, with Jesus there is a difference of vantage points between inside and outside. How are those vantage points different? Where are you viewing Jesus from?
- How would you summarize the story of the Bible now?

### Goals for Connection Group Discussion:

- Highlight that the Story of God is not a command of people to pursue God, but rather God's pursuit of people.
- Jesus is appropriately the climax of the story. Without understanding the full context of God's story the climax may not make sense. Emphasize that Jesus' death on the cross is the thing that creates the bridge from Exile back to God.