

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JUNE 15/16 SERMON

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1. This weekend we focused on the covenant made by Israel in order that "We will not neglect the house of our God." (Neh.10:39).

Read Nehemiah 10:28-39

We shared this weekend that eight times the phrase "house of our God" appears in this covenant. What do you see in this covenant of Israel that shows a renewed reverence and commitment to "not neglect the house of our God"?

2. Read <u>1 Corinthians 3:16-17</u>, <u>1 Peter 1:13-16</u>, and <u>2 Corinthians 7:1</u>. We said this weekend, under the New Covenant in Christ, WE, believers in Jesus Christ, His Church, are the Temple of God.

What goes through your mind when you hear that YOU and your brothers and sisters in your group make up the Temple of God today?

3. We said this weekend:

As the temple of God, believers should never neglect their spiritual disciplines that lead to holiness.

What is holiness? What does it mean that we're called to holiness?

How should the reality that we are the temple of God today, indwelled by God's Spirit, impact our approach to our spiritual disciplines (God's Word, prayer, confession/repentance, serving, etc.)?

Be honest with the group, how are you doing in your daily/weekly spiritual disciplines?

4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Ephesians 6:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and Joshua 24:15.

We said this weekend:

As the temple of God, parents should never neglect their spiritual leadership in their home.

Did you grow up in a Christian home? How did your parent's spiritual leadership impact your relationship with the Lord as a child/teenager growing up?

Why do you believe God puts so much importance on the spiritual leadership of fathers/parents/family units?

Do you believe parents today rely too much on church leadership to develop their children instead of owning their role as the spiritual leaders of their home?

5. Read Ephesians 2:19-22, Romans 12:5, and Hebrews 10:23-25.

We said this weekend:

As the temple of God, believers should never neglect their commitment to the body of Christ.

What causes believers to neglect their commitment to the body of Christ? Why do Christians neglect their responsibility to consistent corporate worship and connection in a local church?

Scripture says every part of the body of Christ is equally important and necessary, do you view yourself in that manner?

How are you doing in your church engagement recently, prioritizing your time/talents/treasures to build up the temple of God/body of Christ/local church?

