



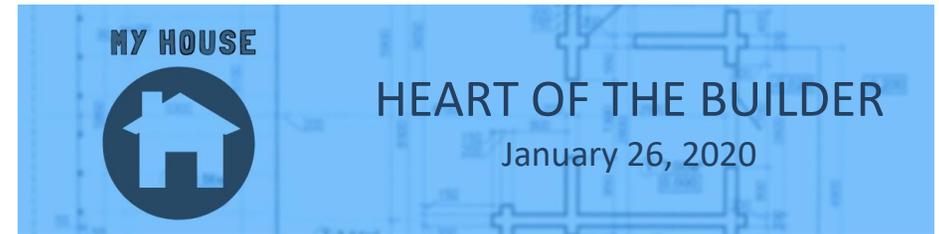
As the discussion leader, here are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group: • **Pray** for your group discussion time! • **Review** your notes from Sunday's message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting. • **Choose** a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group. For questions with multiple parts, answer the first part before reading the next part to the group. These questions are designed to build on the answer of the previous part before moving on.

Getting to Know Me

Who do you talk to most frequently? What do you usually talk about?

Exploring the Word

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read 1 Kings 9:1-7. Solomon, while celebrating the completion of the temple in chapter 8, praises and prays to God. How does God respond to Solomon in these verses in chapter 9?
3. Why is it important to communicate with God? What are examples of ways we can communicate with God in our personal lives, with our families, and at church? What consequences can result from not communicating with God?
4. Read Matthew 21:12-13. Why was Jesus upset in these verses? Why is prayer important to God? Why is it important to pray together at church, with our families, and in Life Groups?
5. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Who does the apostle Paul instruct Timothy to pray for in these verses? How can prayer help us to not focus on ourselves?
6. How have your prayer habits changed over the last three weeks of prayer and fasting?



I. The core vs. the cosmetics (1 Kings 9:3-7)

- _____ transcends building and location.
- God puts a _____ on the _____, not the building.
- God is more concerned with the _____ of the _____.
- God allows himself to be _____, maintaining balance between distinction and intimacy.
- What of the future glory? God's promised Temple is fulfilled in Jesus, who _____ all of the _____.

II. House Rules (Matthew 21:12-13)

- My temple will be called a house of _____.
- God is _____ by our prayer and _____ by our lack of it.
- A transcendent purpose of the temple is _____.

III. Let's Pray (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- God is more concerned with the _____ of prayer than the _____ of it.
- Pray _____ the dull times.
- Speak in terms of the other person's _____.
- Maintain _____ communication.
- We must be living lives _____ to God.
- We must pray in the _____ of God.
- God is intensely interested in His _____ and future _____.