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Session 3

Community of Christ

Day 01

Devotional

John 1:1, 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 02 Devotional

Ephesians 2:19–22 “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 03 Devotional

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 04 Devotional

1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 21 “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many... The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’”

Be still

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Day 05 Devotional

Philippians 2:3–8 “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Be still

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Discussion Questions

1. Aaron opens with the image of his kids wanting him physically present, not just told he loves them. Where do you crave presence, not just words, in your own relationships?
2. Why does the Bible describe the church using both “family” and “temple” as images? What does each metaphor capture that the other doesn’t?
3. The temple was where heaven and earth overlapped — God’s presence with his people. How does it change things to know that presence now dwells in a people, not a building?
4. Jesus is described as the cornerstone that everything else is oriented around. What does it look like practically when a group is “correctly oriented” around him versus something else?
5. The session says every stone in the temple is unique, intentionally cut and fitted — not interchangeable. Do you tend to see your own contribution to community as unique and necessary, or replaceable? Why?
6. “Others should be able to experience the presence of God through his people.” Where have you experienced God’s presence mediated through ordinary people around you?
7. How does seeing yourself as part of an expanding, growing temple change the way you think about serving beyond the walls of the church?
8. What would it look like for your small group to more intentionally “go” and mediate God’s presence to your neighborhood or city?

Exercise

The temple of God is built from unique stones and the body of Christ from unique members — nothing about your contribution is accidental or replaceable.

- This week, prayerfully consider: what gift, however small or “unimpressive,” has God given you that you’ve been undervaluing or hiding?
- Choose one concrete way to use that gift for someone else before your group meets again — a meal delivered, a note written, a skill offered, a need quietly met.
- As you do it, resist the urge to make it visible or praised. Let it be an ordinary act of presence, the way God’s presence is often mediated through unnoticed faithfulness.
- As you end this exercise, discuss with your group: What gift did you use, and what did it feel like to give it without needing it to be seen? Who in your group has a gift you’ve never told them you’re grateful for?