



PART 1: GOD'S HOUSE

Sermon Notes

Text: Acts 7:44-50

Intro:

Pentecost Sunday: Simply put, to be Pentecostal is to believe that the power and presence of the Holy Spirit of God is with us today in the same way he was with the church in the New Testament.

Book of Acts: a selective history of the first 30 or so years of the Church.

After a time of growth and regular gatherings, the Church was scattered.

“...the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands”

Stephen is not anti-building. He's attacking the theology that limits God's presence to a specific building.

1 Kings 8:27

How does this impact us today during the COVID-19 crisis?

Does lack of access to a church building limit our access to God? No!

Where does God live? Where is God's house?

Answer: He lives in you!

1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20

1. How are you treating the temple?

2. How are you representing God?

Acts 8:4

There might be plenty of bad news right now. We're going to spread good news.

Conclusion:

Luke 11:11-13

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What do you miss the most about having church AT the church building? What are you enjoying the most about having church at home?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. What is the value of a church building? Why should we even have a building? What are the dangers if we rely too heavily on a building for worship?
2. Read Acts 1:4-8. Jesus prepares his apprentices for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He gives them a command both to wait (together) and to go (be his witnesses around the world). To gather and to scatter. The church is at its best when it does both.
 - What is the importance of the church gathering regularly? What does it accomplish?
 - What can only be accomplished when the church is willing to scatter?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17. Paul talks about his efforts to construct "God's building", and says that the people are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. What practical application does he give (v.17)? What does he mean?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Here, Paul adds another application to the idea that we are a Temple for the Holy Spirit. What is his practical application? What does he mean?

Application:

1. In Luke 11, Jesus tells us to ask God, our good Father, to give us the Holy Spirit. Spend time this week in prayer, asking God to fill you with the Spirit.