

Going Deeper

Paul had helped to found the church in Corinth and spent 18 months there establishing it. Others had followed on and visited the church, helping to build it up, including a preacher called Apollos. However, there were now a number of problems in the church and Paul writes 1 Corinthians to address those issues, including the issue of unity within the church.

Read **1 Corinthians 3:1-17**

5. What is Paul criticising the Corinthians for and what does he say is the root of the problem?
6. How does Paul describe his and Apollos's role? How does this help to emphasise their unity of purpose?
7. Who does Paul say is the ultimate grower and builder of the church? How does understanding that help promote unity?
8. In verse 10-14, Paul describes the establishing of the church as a building project. What do we learn about the church from this?
9. Does 'God's temple' (vs. 16) in this context refer to the community of Christians or to each individual Christian?
10. In this chapter what might Paul be referring to when he talks about someone destroying God's temple?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 13th January 2019**

Growth Team News

It's a New Year, why not give attending a Growth Team a try? They are a great place to connect more deeply with other Christians, follow up on what we've learnt on Sundays and pray for each other. They are all relaxed friendly gatherings and would welcome new people. See Paul for details or call the number below.

Mon.	8:00pm	Edith Road	07710 638614
Wed.	10:30am	<i>St. Luke's Avenue</i>	
		<i>Contact Vanessa on</i>	01843 592857
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**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



Solomon's Temple

1 Kings 8:1-21 (page)

Space to take notes on the talk

God's Dwelling Place in the Bible

• A Glorious P _____

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Starter question

❖ What has been your experience of moving house?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the key thing you learnt, were reminded about, challenged by or encouraged by in this week's talk?
2. Read 8:1-5
 - a. Why did Solomon summon all these people to this event?
 - b. Why did the priests carry the Ark and why all the sacrifices? (cf. 2 Samuel 6:1-11)
 - c. Who was present when God 'moved into the church' (cf. Acts 2:1, 5)? What does this show us?
3. Read 8:6-8
 - a. How was the temple designed to show the glory of God? (cf. 1 Kings 6:23-28)
 - b. How does the New Testament 'temple' show the glory of God? (cf. 1 Peter 2:5,12)
4. Read 8:9-11
 - a. What was in the Ark? What did this remind the Israelites of?
 - b. How did God show that he approved of what Solomon was doing? (cf. Exodus 40:33-35).
 - c. In what ways does God's presence in us by his Spirit give us confidence? (cf. Eph. 1:13-14)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

11. If the temple now is the people of God, what should our attitude be to church buildings built 'to the glory of God'?
12. A Christian friend says that they have a strong prayer life and read the Bible a lot, but don't want to meet with other Christians. What might you say to them?
13. How might knowing that we are 'God's temple' encourage someone with low self-esteem?