

CREATION

Genesis 2:4-3:24

NOTES:

TABERNACLE

Exodus 35:4-29, 36:2-7

NOTES:

1. God has a desire to dwell with his people and told the people to build him a tent of meeting, a physical representation and place for him to dwell. In these passages in Exodus, what was the people's responsibility for this dwelling to become a reality?
2. Why do you think the people's hearts were stirred (verses 21-22, 26, 29)? What are you passionate about and does that actually match up with God's passion to dwell with his people?
3. As our hearts are stirred by the vision of God dwelling with people, what's our responsibility as New Testament believers? What practices should we be engaging in?
4. If they didn't complete the tabernacle, did God still dwell with his people?

TEMPLE

1 Kings 8:22-30, 54-61

NOTES:

1. In this study on God's dwelling with humans, why do you think it was important for Solomon to say what he did in verse 27? How does this help us in our own approach to God?
2. The completion of the Temple is a huge moment. There had to be all kinds of emotions going on. We tend to associate God's presence with internal emotions of what it feels like. Why didn't Solomon pray about the joy (or the fear!) going on in himself and in the people at the sight of God's presence? What does this say about our own expectations and articulations of God's presence in our own lives and What about our understanding of God's presence needs to shift in light of this passage?
3. In verse 58 and 60, Solomon gives the purposes for God's presence among Israel. What are they and has his purposes changed for his presence among us?
4. Given our study on the Lord's Prayer, how does Solomon's prayer line up with what Jesus taught us?

5. What about this prayer sticks out as something you want to pray this week?

