

**Life Group Discussion Questions** 

**Sermon: The Dwelling of God** 

Date: 9-24-17

- Think about the original "dwelling of God among men": God walking with Adam and Eve in the Garden. How does the fact that even in that arrangement God said "It is not good for the man to be *alone*" inform your understanding of the importance of human community? (Leader's Note: you can help your group connect this to the last 2 points of the sermon outline: God's dwelling in the church and on the earth for all eternity.)
- Can you think of any disadvantages to the ways God used to dwell with man—the Tabernacle, the Temple, even the Incarnation? While they were certainly divinely ordained, what would have been some of the pros and cons to each phase?
- What are strengths of God dwelling within members of His church? Are there any disadvantages to this?
- Have you been living as a dwelling for God? What are some things that have been part of your life that need to go if you are going to get closer to God?
- What are some things you have done or have been a part of which are good and which you recognize came from His Presence within you?
- Discuss the image of the stones being prepared for their spot in the temple. Have you experienced this kind of preparation? Have you ever resisted it?
- Pray with one another that God would make you—individually and as a group—His dwelling on earth.