

Leader guide

In this lesson:

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 6-8

CORE PRACTICE: PRAYER

Prayer (Psalm 66:16-20): I pray to God to know Him, to lay my request before Him and to find direction for my daily life.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

The people of the Church are the living Temple of the Holy Spirit, meant to be a living house of prayer for all nations.

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Solomon's House of Prayer



OVERVIEW

There are a few dates that have proven to be of great historical significance: the birth of Jesus Christ (separates BC from AD), the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the Storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789. Each of these dates proved to be historical turning events.

This week, we are going to witness a similar date in the history of Israel, the Dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem. This date is only overshadowed in Israeli history by the Re-dedication of the temple on the 25th of Kislev (late November/December on our calendar), celebrated today as Hanukkah.

The Temple becomes the iconic representation of God's presence among His people on earth. The first two chapters this week, (1 Kings 6-7) cover in detail the construction of the temple and Solomon's palace. Chapter 8 covers the Dedication of the Temple and Solomon's prayer. To give some insight into the majesty of Solomon's Temple, one commentator calculated the cost to build

