

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

**Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).**

**If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.**

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

**Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.**

**GOD DESCRIBES A NEW FOREVER TEMPLE**  
**Ezekiel 40-48**

**Main Thought:** The temple prophesied and detailed in Ezekiel 40-48 is pointing to and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

1. THE HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_  
THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE

2. A QUICK SUMMARY OF EZEKIEL 40-48

3. TWO ARGUMENTS INDICATING THE TEMPLE  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST

1) Jesus, the Temple, and the \_\_\_\_\_ water in John 1, 2, & 4.

2) The Temple in the New \_\_\_\_\_ and the New \_\_\_\_\_ in Revelation 21 & 22.

4. WHAT THEN ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ DETAILS?

1) The Apostle Paul saw the details \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (Col. 2:16-17)

2) The author of \_\_\_\_\_ saw the details fulfilled in Christ. (Heb. 8:4-6)

3) All the \_\_\_\_\_ of God are "Yes" in Christ. (2 Cor. 1:20).

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read Ezekiel 40-48 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What details of the temple described in these chapters stand out to you?

3. What was the purpose of the Tabernacle/Temple throughout the history of Israel? What function did it serve?

4. How would this vision of a new forever temple be an encouragement to the Israelites living in exile? What impact was it meant to have on them? (Ezk. 43:9-11)

5. Who or what do the following verses suggest is the ultimate fulfillment of this temple prophesy?

1) John 1:14

2) John 2:18-22

3) John 4:10-14

4) Revelation 21:22; 22:1-6

5) Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 8:4-6

6) 2 Corinthians 1:20

7) Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Peter 2:4-5

6. Why is Christ a far better meeting place for God and His people than the temple ever was?

7. In what ways are you being transformed by God's life-giving river?

8. How does considering your future with God in a new heaven and new earth impact your life today?