

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## I Kings 6:1-13

**Ice Breaker:** Our new Castleton Community Church mission statement is leading people to know and trust Jesus. Discuss among your group it's meaning and how it should be lived out.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Recap:** What has happened so far in I Kings? What happened right before our passage? What is the kingdom like at this point in Solomon's reign?
2. It's been 480 years since the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. What does the beginning temple construction signify in redemptive history? What is different about the Temple vs. the tabernacle?
3. A cubit is about 18 inches. What were the dimensions of this temple? Any observations stick out about the specs of the temple?
4. What is the significance in vs. 7 of limiting sound as they built the temple? (Hab. 2:20) What role does silence play in our own spiritual disciplines?
5. In the middle of Solomon's work, God speaks to Solomon in vs.11-13. What does God remind Solomon at this important time in Israel's history? Despite the importance of the visible temple, what was God primarily concerned with concerning His people?
6. In what ways are is the Church tempted towards focusing on outward appearances rather than internal obedience? Why is it so common for Christians to put up appearances, especially at the gathering of believers?
7. How do the truths of the gospel help us be "real" with those within the household of God?
8. Even though Israel forsakes their God, how does God fulfill his promise to not forsake them? How does God dwell with his children today?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What was the purpose for Solomon to build the temple? Where does God live today?
2. Listen to [Brick After Brick](#) by Sovereign Grace Music and discuss what it means for God to build his temple today meaning with his people.

# CASTLETON CORE VALUES



## **SUPREMACY OF JESUS**

We believe that Jesus Christ alone is worthy of our lifelong worship and devotion. Therefore, we devote ourselves to exalting Christ in our worship, ministries and relationships. Our prayer is that all who encounter our congregation would see Jesus high and lifted up.



## **AUTHORITY OF THE WORD**

With Christ as our King, we joyfully submit ourselves to His Word as our ultimate and sufficient authority. We are committed to preaching, praying, singing, teaching, counseling, sharing, and by the power of the Spirit, faithfully walking in accordance to the whole counsel of God.



## **LOVING COMMUNITY**

As those who have experienced and been transformed by the love of Christ, we are compelled to extend Christ's love to all. We strive to be a community that embodies God's redemptive love by welcoming the stranger through biblical hospitality, by bearing burdens of the broken, and by leading people to the One whose love endures forever.



## **BIBLICAL UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

We desire to be a community of believers that reflects the unified beauty of our triune God. We believe that, in Christ, whom God has unified us by his Spirit and therefore we celebrate generational and ethnic diversity of all image bearers God brings into our fellowship. We also value an atmosphere of humility and charity as we engage in theological discussions that fall into the framework of sound doctrine.



## **EXTRAVAGANT GRACE**

As undeserving sinners saved by grace, we desire to be a congregation known for joyfully blessing others with the grace that God has lavished upon us. We seek to demonstrate this by exercising a patient and forbearing spirit, forgiving as God has forgiven us, and extravagantly giving of ourselves and our resources to those God has appointed us to serve.



## **SHARING THE GOSPEL EVERYWHERE**

We believe that every Christian is called to be an ambassador of the kingdom of God by proclaiming the good news of the gospel to those who have not yet believed. We are committed to Christ's "Great Commission" by equipping, supporting, and sending ambassadors of King Jesus to the unreached in our neighborhood, our city, and around the globe.