

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

I Kings 8:12-30

Ice Breaker: What's one evidence of grace you've seen from God this week?

Ice Breaker: Who is someone you see as a "prayer warrior"?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In our passage, King Solomon is dedicating the temple in the presence of the people of Israel. In his dedication he blesses both the people and God. How are we to understand a biblical blessing?
2. How does our culture use or misuse the term blessing? What are some ways the Lord has blessed you? How can you turn that blessing into praising or blessing the Lord? (See Psalm 145 for an example of Psalm of blessing)
3. What does Solomon praise the Lord for in vs. 15-20? What promises of God does Solomon see fulfilled? What other promises of God do we see in the Bible that have already been fulfilled?
4. In verse 22, Solomon begins his prayer of dedication for the temple. What are some themes in Solomon's prayer? What does Solomon's prayer reveal about God's character?
5. What promises of God are anchors for your soul in times of trouble? What promises of God's character keep you trusting Him even when the circumstances are difficult?
6. What promises of God are difficult to believe? How can we remind ourselves of God's promises as a church? As individuals?
7. Take some time to pray select promises of God and His character from a passage of Scripture with your Small Group. Consider praying portions of Psalm 145 or I Peter 1. Take turns simply reading a portion of the text and then pray it back to God.