



1 Corinthians 3:16-17

The Big Picture

- Beginning in Genesis and going all the way through Revelation, God has always made a way to dwell in the midst of His people.
- When they were wandering in the desert, the Israelites constructed a Tabernacle to house God's presence. Once they got settled, they built a Temple so that it could be in the same place at all times. Finally, God came to Earth in the form of flesh so that He could "dwell among us" (John 1:14).
- When Jesus finished His earthly ministry, He sent the Holy Spirit to live in each of us—meaning that we are the Temple of the Living God.

Discussion Questions

1. **When you hear the word Sanctuary, what do you think of?**
What do you think it means that, as believers, we are God's sanctuary?
Why is it important to you that we don't have to go somewhere in order to experience God?
2. **How does being God's Temple affect how you see yourself?**
How is this different than how the world tells us we should see ourselves?
3. **What do you think it means to be "set apart?"**
Tell about something you "set apart" for a specific purpose—whether it be something like an hour of your day, or the contents of a piggy bank.
4. **The word Sanctuary implies a place that is set apart for holy use.**
How do you think being God's Sanctuary should affect our day-to-day lives?
How do you think it should affect how we treat the people around us?

Response

- **What are three action steps you can take this week to set yourself apart for God's use?**

