

Week 3: Don't Forget the Building Reflecting the Beauty of God

Key Scripture

The Lord said to Moses,
² “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.

³ These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁵ ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; ⁶ olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁷ and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

⁸ “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Exodus 25:1-8

Main Takeaway

The goodness and beauty of God is reflected in creation. So “Churches” are sanctuaries where we are able to experience that goodness and beauty with all our senses and which point us to the goodness and beauty of God’s eternal presence.

Start Talking:

When are you most generous or when are you the most stingy?

Start Praying: *(Families w/kids- do this as an echo prayer.)*

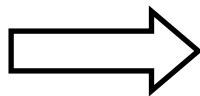
Dear Jesus, Beauty is all around us, in trees, and bird, and buildings, in colors, and smells, and tastes. It all points to your goodness. Help us to show others your goodness too. Amen

Start Studying:

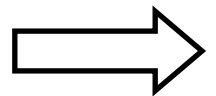
1. Read Genesis 1, Exodus 25:1-8, Revelation 21. *(Families with kids: focus on Gen. 1:26 and Exodus 25:1-8. Image of God = we are a reflection of God and His goodness and beauty.)*
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16 Who is Paul talking to? So, what is the “temple” of God on this side of heaven?
3. Read John 1:14 Who is the ultimate temple? (showing God’s presence)

Start Applying:

1. Must we make every church beautiful in everyone’s eyes?
2. What is the most important thing about any worship space?
3. Share a time(s) when you missed the beauty of God’s presence because you were hung up on your idea of “beautiful” or “good”?
4. Where can you seek forgiveness for idolizing the building or the past or a particular way of doing things?
5. What is the true temple of God and how is that made beautiful? What can you do in your life that would demonstrate God’s goodness and beauty?



Fill out Biblical Equipping



Finishing Prayer:

Oh Heavenly Father:

Thank you for the time spent together in your word. Some days I struggle to see the beauty in your creation. I know that there is always something beautiful to see, please help me to see that as I go throughout my week. Be present in our conversations this week when we are apart. In your name we pray. Amen.

NOTES

BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: