



*"When the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, we become the Spirit-filled Temple, continuing the work of bringing to bear the Kingdom of Heaven on the world around us. This is what the church has been doing throughout history and what our church has been doing since its inception 44 years ago. What has God done, what is He doing, and what do we believe He will do in the future of Adventure of Faith? Join us for our joint Worship Service and Annual Family Meeting on 1/30/22!"*

## INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

When did you come to Adventure of Faith? What led you to come to this church?

## MEMORY VERSE:

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## SCRIPTURE READING:

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**Hebrews 8:8-12**

*"8 For he finds fault with them when he says:*

*"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. In Acts chapter 2, the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples, the church, filling them like the Lord's presence filled the Temple/Tabernacle in the Hebrew Scriptures. What does this mean? What is its significance for the church then and today?
2. How do we hold onto the reality and magnitude of the new covenant in Christ without being dismissive of the former covenant we read in the Hebrew Scriptures?
3. Listening to the history of Adventure of Faith Church, what themes do you see God bring to the surface? What does it seem God wants this church to be about as it seeks to follow after God's plan for the future of Adventure?
4. If we are the new Temple, meant to continue the work of Jesus in the world, what does that mean our focus should be as a church (remember, you are the church so what does that mean your focus should be as the church)?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. If our body is the Temple, the home for the very presence of God, what does that mean for how we should live our lives? What role does individual holiness play in your life? What role should it play? Why?
2. Sometimes we can feel worthless. Maybe we even look at our sinfulness in light of the Scriptures and we can feel like Isaiah in the throne room of God-recognizing that we are sinful people and should not be there. Having been bought for a price, having tangible value to God, how does that change how we should look at ourselves? How does it change how we should look at others?
3. Its exciting to hear about the direction God has called this church as well as where He is calling us in the future (and how He has been orchestrating everything all along). Where do you, personally, fit into the present and future reality of Adventure of Faith? What do you feel God calling you into?
4. Did anything surprise you about the history of Adventure of Faith?

**CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:**

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.