

CONNECT

What is the most impressive building you've ever seen? What impressed you about it?

LEARN & APPLY

Is there anything from the sermon that you wanted to talk about or share?

- **Read Ezra 3: 1, 3-7, 10-13** What different emotions do you imagine people were feeling in this moment? Why?

What do you think the temple meant to them? In our lives sometimes we tend to make 'holy things' the center of our worship rather than the Holy One. Why do you think people tend to do this? What might help us avoid doing that?

- **Read John 4:21-24** The temple built during the time of Ezra was in existence when Jesus spoke these words. What do Jesus' words here reveal about what matters most to God?
- **Read Ephesians 2:12-22** What is the temple Jesus builds made up of according to these verses? What do you notice about what matters to the Lord in these verses?
- **Read Mark 2:21-22** What do you think Jesus is saying here? What is the same in the new and the old? What is different?

A Kingdom is the place where a King rules. In the early days of God's relationship with his people, it was clear he was God of a people, not of a place- their hearts were the territory he claimed. How is Jesus' kingdom work for all the world through his death and resurrection for us look like that same kind of 'wine' in new 'wineskins'?

PRAY

Help us Lord to worship you and you alone as our Savior and King! Be enthroned in our hearts, King Jesus. Amen.