

BODY LANGUAGE



We Are The Temple

The influence of a culture that is constantly becoming more consumeristic is to apply an individualistic approach to church. In this Lenten series we address the pervasiveness of individuality in the church. This is an opportunity to join the movement of church in unity with each other and with the Spirit.

- Last week we were all given a spiritual gifts assessment to take. Share with the group your results and explain what they mean.
 - Could you already tell what some of your results would be BEFORE you took the assessment?
 - How could you tell? In what ways have you already been leaning into your gifts?
 - Were you surprised by any of your results? What was surprising about them?
 - Do you disagree with any of the results? Why?
 - Was there other gifts that you thought were dominant that actually aren't? How do you think this has affected you if any?
- What stuck out to you about last week's teaching?
- Pastor Dave taught last Sunday that WE are the temple. What did he mean by that?
- Read 2 Peter 2:4-5
 - What do you think he means when he says, "you are like spiritual stones, being built into a spiritual house."?

Before God's people settled into their permanent land in Israel, where they built the temple, they were a nomadic people. This meant they had to practice their temple worship in a temporary space that was re-locatable. This space was known as the tabernacle. The tabernacle was essentially a very large and ornate tent that was portable. Each tribe had a role in the tear down, pack up, transport, set up, and leading all the daily activities of the tabernacle.

- How do you think this correlates with us being the temple of God? *We each have our own part to play.*
- As you can see in the assessment God has gifted us all separately to perform ALL of the different tasks needed for the temple, which is us. It is absolutely an important aspect of your personal faith. Do you volunteer anywhere using these gifts?
- Have everyone scan the QR code to the right. This is a list of volunteer opportunities in our church. A way to look at this is a list of areas that are absolute needs for us to be able to function as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Encourage those that aren't volunteering to sign up for one of these opportunities that may suit their gifts.
- Has your group considered becoming a full time group? Let Pastor Nick know if you'd like to continue meeting!

