

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal the truth and continue the work he began in each person.

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** God desires a people who seek Him through prayer, turn to Him in repentance, and walk with Him in faithful obedience.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 1 Kings 8:1-14 (Might want to have 2 readers 1-5, 6-14)**
 - Why do you think the cloud filling the temple was such a powerful moment for Israel?
 - **Read 1 Kings 8:22-30 (Might want to have 2 readers 22-26, 27-30)**
 - What do you notice about Solomon's prayer?
 - What does Solomon recognize about God when he says, "heaven and the heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!"
 - **Read 1 Kings 8:41-43**
 - What does this reveal about God's heart for people beyond Israel?
 - **Read 1 Kings 7:8:46-53**
 - According to this passage, what things does Solomon say people should do when they realize they have sinned and want God's forgiveness?
 - **Read 1 Kings 7:8:54-61**
 - What does Solomon encourage the people to do after the temple is dedicated?
 - **Read 1 Kings 7:8:62-66**
 - What caused the Israelites joy as they went to their tents?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
 - If God cannot be contained in a building, why would the temple still matter?
 - Why do people sometimes try to put God into small boxes in their lives?
 - What role should prayer play in our lives? What parts of Solomon's prayer stood out to you?
 - What effects does sin have on our lives? What attitudes and actions are present when asking for forgiveness?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - When you think about God's faithfulness in your own lives, what is one thing that makes you grateful right now?
 - What would it look like for your heart to be "loyal to the LORD our God" this week?
 - What is one practical step you could take this week to deepen your prayer life?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement
 - I will _____
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Take time to plan your outreach project.**