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The Church is a Temple

Because God's Spirit resides in you, let His presence define who you are and how you live

1. You are part of God's Temple because God's _____ resides in you

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Jeremiah 24:5-7

John 2:18-22

Jesus used the unique word, "naos," which was used specifically of the place _____ the temple where the deity _____

"In light of this OT background, edification does not refer primarily to individuals who need help to become more mature and more spiritual persons. Instead, the concern is to build up the Christian community as God's restored people. The creation of God's spiritual house, the church, is the primary object of edification in Paul's thought and activity. Paul often speaks of the edification of the community as the responsibility which all members share toward one another."

John Driver, *Images of the Church in Mission*

2. There are practical _____ that God has for His Temples

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

1 Peter 2:4-5

Romans 12:1

“holy” – set apart by God for His purpose

A Holy _____ whose Holy _____ now inhabits a _____ that He calls to be holy

3. The Temple of God includes _____ from every tribe, tongue and nation

Ephesians 2:19-22

Trinity Core Value:

You Belong Here

_____ not only draws us together initially, but holds us together through the challenges that we will face in this local expression of God’s collective Temple

“Because of the fundamentally social character of ‘God’s temple,’ relationships are important. Strife among God’s ministers or dissension among God’s people constitute an assault on his temple. To form factions among God’s people is to drive away God’s Spirit. It is not merely a matter of destroying God’s temple; it is the destruction of the congregation and the self-destruction of its members.”

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Now What? Because God’s Spirit resides in you, let His presence define who you are and how you live