



Sunday July 01, 2018
Building Together

We will continue our study in Romans next week.

At APC we have always put emphasis on equipping and building people.

We have always said that KINGDOM BUILDING IS ABOUT BUILDING PEOPLE.
And our focus has always been on equipping people for ministry. We've stated often, that EVERY BELIVER IS A MINISTER.

Yet, we stand at a juncture in our journey where we are stepping out to actually build a WORLD OUTREACH & EQUIPPING CENTER.

Today as we launch our BUILD TO IMPACT project, we thought it would be encouraging to read a few Scripture passages on some building projects we see in Scripture.

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE (MOSES)

Read Exodus 25:1-9

The Most High God who dwells in the heavens, wanted something built on earth for His presence. God initiated this, and He wanted His people to get the job done.

Read Exodus 35:1-29

Notice how people were to give towards this work:

- 1, with a willing heart (vs 5)
- 2, bring it as an offering to the LORD (vs 5)
- 3, whose heart was stirred and whose spirit was willing, they brought the Lord's offering (vs 21)
- 4, a freewill offering to the Lord (vs 29)

Exodus 39:42-43; Exodus 40:33-35

The work was completed and God filled the place with His glory
When we complete the work, God will release His intended purposes through this on the earth.

BUILDING THE TEMPLE (DAVID/SOLOMON)

Read 1 Chronicles 28:1-12,20

Notice the exhortation to be strong and do the work. This project that we undertake will require us to be strong, courageous, and work till we see it accomplished.

Be strong and do it (vs 10,20)

He will not leave you until you finish the work (vs 20)

Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-17

Notice once again how the people gave:



with a loyal heart they offered willingly (vs 9)

all things come from you and of your own we have given you (vs 14)

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE (EZRA/NEHEMIAH/HAGGAI)

When the Jews were sent back from their exile in Babylon to rebuild the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, they began work initially, and discontinued the work. They got busy with their own things, and for 16 years did not do any work on rebuilding the Temple. So God raised Haggai the prophet to stir the people back into the work of rebuilding the Temple.

We read a part of his message:

Haggai 2:1-8

vs 4, Be strong and work, for God is with us

vs 5, God's Spirit is with you to help you. Remember Zechariah prophesied at this same time and gave them the familiar word **Zechariah 4:6-7**

vs 7,9 God promised to fill this place with His glory, even greater glory

vs 7, Nations will come

vs 8, God owned all the wealth (silver and gold) so He will bring in every provision

We want to declare Haggai 2:7-9 on our APC WORLD OUTREACH & EQUIPPING CENTER project

BUILD TO IMPACT

APC World Outreach & Equipping Center

Why are we doing this?

God's mandate on us as a church is to equip His people and to impact nations.

#1, laborers need to be trained, equipped, sent, and supported

Read Matthew 9:35-36

The harvest is great. The solution more laborers need to be sent into the harvest.

We must pray for more laborers.

But laborers need to be trained, equipped, sent, and supported to work in the harvest fields.

#2, Leverage technology to equip God's people globally as well

We have tools available today to have a wide national and global impact. We must use these tools.

#3, Urban centers need more churches

Urban centers across our nation need more churches and we need to equip people as well as leverage technology to meet this need.

Setting up **APC World Outreach & Equipping Center** will help us accomplish these three.

Let's be bold, strong and courageous.

Let's give willingly, cheerfully, sacrificially to the Lord for the cause of His Kingdom.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Chronicles 28:1-12,20; 1 Chronicles 29:1-17; Haggai 2:1-9*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights (It is alright if you cannot cover all the questions. Select a few of these questions for your discussion). We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

Watch APC's Build To Impact video (apcwo.org/buildtoimpact)

Discuss a few things about this building project we are venturing into as a local church family and pray for the project, using the points given in the Prayer Card.

1, God is Spirit - and yet He wanted something built here on earth for His work. What would have been some of the advantages of having a Tabernacle, and a Temple? What are some of the advantages of having our own WORLD OUTREACH & EQUIPPING CENTER?



2, What are some "exhortations" given to Solomon, to the Jewish leaders (Zerubbabel and Joshua) and to the people in order to undertake the construction projects?

3, What was the heart attitude people were to have when they gave toward the construction project as seen in passages read from Chronicles and Haggai?

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, *families to be protected and strengthened*

2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

Close by thanking God together.