



Intro: A new Word for 2020!!!

- Building beyond bricks and mortar...
- Sermon series upcoming in 2020...

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

- v.5-8—Church choosing favorites (cf.1:11ff.).
- v.9—Our word of the year... "building."
- v.10-11—Jesus is foundational!!!
- v.12—Considering building materials...
- **v.13-15**—The Day of reckoning revealing the working...
  - Building with that which will last or that which will ash???

v.16-17—God's temple as bodies not buildings...

Read: Acts 2:36-42

- Acts 2 as the ground breaking opening of the early church...
- v.36—The sermon about the Savior...
- v.37—Jesus still moves hearts...
- v.38-39—Living in the light of Jesus...
- v.40-41—Church growth...
- v.42—The 4 walls that frame the church...

## **Building the Church**



\*The Foundation:

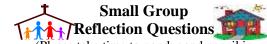
(1Cor.3:10-11, Acts 2:36)

## \*The Four Walls:

1)	: The Word
2)	: The People
3)	: The Living
4)	: The Talking

• The blueprints we want to be about...

• Keeping churches up to "code"... -Church shopping...



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: 2 Samuel 7, 1 Kings 8-9 \*What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?

\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

\*This week, in 1Cor.3 and Acts 2, we talked a lot about buildings and construction materials. Do you have a house "horror story"—ie. something that went terribly wrong with a building/project?

\*Of the four walls of the early church (teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer), which "wall" do you find to be your top priority in choosing a church (remember: all are needed!)? What is it about our church that keeps you coming back each week?

\*Reflect on your church experience throughout your entire life. How do you think your church experience compares with the blueprints we read in the Bible concerning the church's purpose?

\*Of the sermon series outlined in the bulletin for 2020, which series most excites you this year and why?