

# BUILDING CHURCHES OR TEMPLES

## 1 Peter 2:5, 9–10

### Opening Thought

We are not building temples for God to dwell in—we are the temple He is building.

### Part 1: Identity — Who Are We?

- Which identity stands out to you most and why?
- What is the difference between attending church and being the church?

### Part 2: Where Does God Live?

- Why do people associate God with buildings?
- How does it change your life to know God dwells in His people?

### Part 3: How Do We Build?

**Take Out the Trash:** What do you need to remove from your life?

**Right Nourishment:** What are you feeding your spirit?

**Show Up:** Where do you need to draw closer to God?

**Offer Your Life:** What is hardest to surrender?

**Keep Christ Central:** How will you center Him this week?

### Part 4: Belief and Rejection

- Why do some stumble over Christ?
- What does it mean to build your life on Him?

### Part 5: Your Story

- What does being called out of darkness mean to you?
- How has mercy shaped your life?

## **Part 6: Living It Out**

- What does it mean to live as a priest daily?
- How can we reflect being a spiritual house together?

## **Weekly Challenge**

Remove one harmful attitude, add one spiritual practice, and take one step to center Christ.

## **Closing Prayer**

Lord, build us into Your house. Shape us as living stones and center us on Christ. Amen.