**Back to Church – part 5 Leader Notes**

**Let your glory fall!**

**2 Chron. 7:1-4**

**HOOK**

**1. What was your most memorable moment when a favorite sports team won a victory? Why did that moment cause you such joy?** (Social psychologists call it “basking in glory” when we experience emotional identification of the thrill of our favorite sports team winning.)

**2. Have you ever had a peak spiritual experience when you felt particularly close to God? When and where did that happen? What was the impact of that experience on your life?**

**Take a LOOK at the BOOK**

**Read 1 Chr. 22:5, 14-19 and 1 Chr. 29:1-5.**

**3. What kind of preparations did David make for the building of the Temple? Should it have been called Solomon’s temple or David’s temple? (**Perhaps neither; it was the Temple of the Lord!**).**

**4. Read silently 2 Chr. 6:14-42.**

**What strikes you about Solomon’s prayer of dedication? How can we pray so that God will say “Amen” in an extraordinary way?**

**5. If you were at our church’s dedication on October 9, what thoughts or emotions did you have?**

**6. Read 2 Chr. 7:1-4.**

**Why couldn’t the priests enter the temple? (**Because the glory of the Lord filled the Temple).

**7. Might the priests have experienced falling under the power of God like Ez. 1:28; Daniel 8:18; Matt.17:6; John 18:7; Acts 9:4; Rev. 19:10? Have you ever seen or heard of someone having that experience?**

**8. What was the end result of experiencing God’s glory in the life of the people of Israel?** 2 Chr. 7:3-4 (They bowed and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord; they also had a 2 week long feast) (2 Chr. 7:9).

**9. Read 1 Cor. 6:19 and Eph. 5:18.** What is the current New Testament equivalent of a Temple that God can fill? What is required in order to receive His filling? (Read Luke 11:13).

**TOOK**

**10. How do you prepare your heart and mind for worship during the week and on Sundays?**

**11. Have you ever seen God answer prayer in your life in a dramatic way?**

**12. What were you most thankful for at Thanksgiving this year?**

**13. What do you most need prayer for today?**