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5. In 1 Corinthians 6:19, Paul says that for a Christian their body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit." Given what we know about temples, what does this teach us about our lives? If our bodies are temples of the Spirit, where and how can we connect with God?

6. In 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul also says that when the Church gathers together we are the "temple of God." How is God present with us uniquely when we are gathered together? How does this verse correct the idea that I can "go to church alone" on a hike, a bike ride, or the golf course on a Sunday morning?

How I can respond in faith today: Think about your private spiritual life and disciplines. Think also about how often and fully you participate in gathering with the Church for worship and service. Both of these are part of what it means to be a "temple" for God's presence - ask: How can I be more committed to both of these practices?

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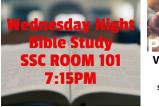
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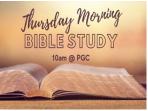
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