Core Values:

An Introduction

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." 2 Samuel 7:1-2 (NIV)

What kind of church do we want to be? A place where...

1. God is ______ for _____ He _____.

"LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. ²⁴ You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today. 1 Kings 8:23-24 (NIV)

2. God is _____.

May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. 1 Kings 8:29 (NIV)

3. People can find _____

"When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, and when they turn back to you and give praise to your name, praying and making supplication to you in this temple, ³⁴ then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to their ancestors. 1 Kings 8:33-34(NIV)

4. People can learn the _____ way to _____.

"Teach them the right way to live.." 1 Kings 8:35 (NIV)

5. People can turn when _____

When famine or plague comes to the land, or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, or when an enemy besieges them in any of their cities, whatever disaster or disease may come, ³⁸ and when a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people Israel—being aware of the

afflictions of their own hearts, and spreading out their hands toward this temple—³⁹ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. 1 Kings 8:37-39 (NIV)

6. People discover _____ for the _____.

"As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple.." 1 Kings 8: 41-42 (NIV)