

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## I Kings 8:1-11

**Ice Breaker:** Describe your best or worst moving experience? What made it smooth or miserable?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** Solomon has finished the temple and now assembles the leaders of Israel to bring to ark of the covenant into the temple. What is the significance of the ark of the covenant? What was placed inside the ark? (For further study: Ex. 25:10-22; Deut. 31:26; Josh. 3:14-17; 1 Sam. 4:1-11; 2 Sam. 6:5-11)
2. What happened after the priests put the ark in the Most Holy Place? What did the cloud represent? How would explain "the glory of the Lord" to a new believer?
3. Where else do we see God's presence and glory manifested in a cloud? Are there other ways God makes his presence known in the Old Testament? In the New Testament? (2 Cor. 4:6)
4. How does God manifest his presence today?
5. The temple was the place where God made his presence known and was worshiped. Are there any takeaways from the "form" of worship in the temple to our worship today?
6. What does it look like to have a God-centered worship? What are some ways our worship can become defective and not focused on God?
7. What are the dangers of treating Sunday morning worship as an event to be consumed rather than a place to worship?
8. How does the word of God help us order our worship and keep God at the center?
9. What's one or two ways you can prepare your heart for worship this week?