

Discussion Guide: The Fullness of God's House

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

March 30, 2003 - 9:30 AM Service: "The Fullness of God's House" by Pastor Ken Jones - Greater Union Baptist Church in Compton, CA. Pastor Ken was the keynote speaker at the "Christ and His Church" Reformation Theology Conference. After reading Psalm 36, Pastor Ken outlined the five attributes of those who are not righteous in v1-4:

1. They have no reverence or fear of God. They see God, but suppress the truth about God. They live and act as if there is no God.
2. Their focus is on self in place of God. They are self centered...lovers of themselves.
3. Their words are wicked and deceitful toward God and others.
4. They set (establish) themselves in a way that is not good. They have a mind set that results in evil deeds that flow out of a mind and heart that is apart from God. They are unaware/ignorant of the fact that they are in imminent danger of the consequences of being unreconciled to God...a living hell with no grace or mercy.
5. They do not abhor what is evil and the evil that they do.

Discussion Questions:

As you read and meditate on v1-4 and Pastor Ken's description above...

- How do we as a nation live and act? How do you live and act in your sphere of influence? At work, home, etc. What challenges do you find in living such a life? What suggestions and/or scriptures do we have for those who find it difficult?
- What is your focus? What do others see differently as a result of your focus?
- When we speak, what should people hear?
- When we act, what should people see?
- When we see evil, what should be our reaction?
- When we find ourselves doing what we do not want to do, what should we do?

As you read and meditate on v5-9...

- What attributes of God can you identify?

Take a few minutes in prayer and thank God for each of the attributes you have identified.

In light of v7 and what we read in 1 John 1:5-10...

- How shall we then live?

In light of v8 and John 10:10...

- How satisfied are you with the fullness of life God has made available to you?
- What changes do you sense you need to make to feel more fulfilled?