

Connection Group Participant Guide

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Zechariah 2

Even though its ultimate fulfillment of this vision awaits the future, there is certainly an application today for the church. While elders are exhorted to guard the flock from predators (Acts 20:28-31), and we should do all that we can to obey that charge, the Lord Himself must be the defender of His church or it would have failed centuries ago! Concerning His glory in our midst, we will never experience now anything close to the glory of God's presence that we will know when Jesus returns. But even so, we still should strive so to exalt Jesus Christ in His church that those who come among us will declare that God is certainly in our midst (1 Cor. 14:25). Both promises are related to our obedience. If we want God to be a wall of fire around us and to be the glory in our midst, we must walk in holiness before Him each day, allowing His purifying fire to cleanse our hearts of all sin. We must be captivated with the beauty of His glory as we grow to know Him more and more.

Highlight

How does the Lord refer to His people here (Zech. 2:8)? What will happen to those who touch His people (Zech. 2:9)? Why were the people to "sing and rejoice" (Zech. 2:10)?

Explain

In Zechariah 2:10, the Lord promises to come and dwell with His people. How has this been fulfilled? How would you explain to others that they are included in this vision?

Apply

How you apply this message personally depends on where you are at. If you profess to know God, but are living with the daughter of Babylon, God's word to you is, "Get out of there quickly!" "If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15)! Discuss with your Connection Group how a Christian might recognize if they are indeed, "living in Babylon."

Respond in Prayer

Read through Revelation 21 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

