WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

This is a discussion guide for the Chief Apostle Pentecost Service, held on June 5th from Argentina. If you would like to review the service before your discussion you can watch it at this link (https://www.nac-usa.org/pentecost).

BIBLE VERSE

1 Corinthians 3:16 - *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

QUESTIONS

1. Start your discussion by sharing what point(s) stuck out to you most in the service.
2. Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11** (the Bible reading) together. What was Paul trying to tell the congregation? How was he promoting unity?
3. The Chief Apostle spoke about the diversity of NAC Christians around the world. What unites us?
4. What took place at the temple in the Old Testament?
    a. How is the church of Christ similar to the temple?
    b. What are different ways that we show gratitude to God?
5. The Chief Apostle mentioned that the temple was a sign that God was on earth amongst His people. In the Old Testament fire often signaled the presence of God (the burning bush, the temple being filled with the pillar of fire, etc.).
    a. Read **Acts 2:1-4** together. What do you think the tongues of fire represent? How do you think the Jewish disciples would have understood what was happening?
    b. How can we be a visible sign of the presence and activity of God?
6. The Chief Apostle asked us emphatically - *"Have you changed?"* Look back on the past year. Have you changed?
    a. Share with the group how you have grown.
    b. What is difficult about changing?
    c. What you can do to overcome these difficulties?

7. Read **John 17:20-23**. How does Jesus express the unity He wants for His believers? How can we strive for that unity?

8. *A church where everyone feels at home.* The Chief Apostle talked about the impossibility of building "the temple" together with others when you don't want to compromise. How can we build a church where everyone feels at home? What plan should we follow?

9. What two requests are being made when we pray together - *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors?*

10. From this service, how would you describe the significance of Pentecost to a friend?

11. What is one take-away from this service for you?