



**Heart for the House – The Gateway of Heaven**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

"My prayer is that God would speak clearly to you about the value of the local church and give you a life-long passion to get planted in one. If you are searching for a church with big vision and a passion for Jesus, this might just be your house."

**Ps Dave Patterson "Heart for the House"**

**[Genesis 28:10–17, ESV]**

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And

behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

## **1. The House of God is the Gateway to Heaven**

**[Matthew 6:9-10, ESV]**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

### **What is the activity of heaven?**

- Worship
- Prayer
- No sickness (total healing)
- No bondage/addiction (total freedom)
- No confusion about the future (total confidence in one's purpose)
- Unbroken fellowship and communion with the Lord
- No relational rifts (total reconciliation of family)

**"You cannot love God more than you love His House."**

**"It's easier to act your way into feelings rather than feel your way into action."**

**[Joshua, 24:15, ESV]**

"As for me and my house, we WILL serve the Lord"

## **2. Make the decision to plant in the House of God!**

**[Psalm 92:13–14, ESV]**

They (the righteous) are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green.

**[Psalm 27:4, ESV]**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

**[Psalm 69:9, ESV]**

For zeal for your house has consumed me.

**[Matthew 16:18, ESV]**

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

## Key Points:

1. The House of God is the Gateway to Heaven
2. Make the decision to plant in the House of God

## Application for the Week:

This week, take your next step in getting planted in the house. We believe we find our significance through relationships. Click [HERE](#) to find a TFH Group today. We want you to flourish in every area of your life and be a disciple of Jesus. Sign up for Discover, a two-week experience, by clicking [HERE](#).

## Discussion Questions

1. In your opinion, what are some essential things for day-to-day survival?
2. How is the House of God not just a natural building but a supernatural House?
3. What does it mean to have a heart for the House of God?
4. Why is a stairway a great picture that the House of God is the gateway to heaven?
5. What is the activity of Heaven? When have you accessed a promise of eternity by having a heart for the house?
6. Why is a commitment to God's House directly expressing your love for the Lord?
7. "Where you plant determines your fruit." What does this speak to you?
8. What would it look like in our community if we were passionately planted in God's House?