

Acts 19 – A Greater Glory is Coming 10/12/2025 Reflection Questions

- 1. In Leviticus 9, Aaron offers the first sacrifices as high priest at the tabernacle, and the fire of God consumes them. Why do you think God responded so dramatically at this first offering?
- 2. Fire also fell from heaven at the dedication of the Temple in 1 Chronicles 7:1-3. What does the repetition of this sign—Tabernacle and Temple—tell us about God's desire to dwell among His people?
- 3. God's glory filled the Temple, but later generations lost that glory through idolatry. What are some modern "substitutes for glory" that can fill our churches or lives when God's presence is missing?
- 4. When the second Temple was built, Ezra 3:12 tells us that the older generation wept at the sight of it. What did the first Temple have that the second Temple lacked?
- 5. The people compared the new second Temple to Solomon's and felt discouraged. What causes us today to compare present seasons with past ones and how can that comparison rob us of what God is doing now?
- 6. For over 400 years, Israel lacked the manifest presence of God and the voice of the prophets. Discuss this statement: "A faith without the presence or voice of God inevitably declines into mere religion."
- 7. Why is it significant that the Jewish religious scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees formed during those 400 years?
- 8. Regarding the modern buildings today that have been left unfinished, discuss this statement: A building's success is not found in its structure, but rather in its filling. How does this relate to Christianity?
- 9. If God promises that His glory increases, not decreases, with time, how should that shape our outlook toward the future of the Church, our families, and our own spiritual journey?
- 10. Did you find it significant that the revival cycle averaging 55-60 years in Israel corresponds to the 55-60-year cycle of revivals in the United States? Should we be anticipating or expecting a major revival in our day?