

REMINDER:

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DEDICATION

BIG IDEA: Dedication service is demonstrated by God.

ICE BREAKER

1. What dedication services have you ever attended?
2. What was the purpose of the dedication?

THINK

1. In what ways is a wedding service a dedication service?
2. How does a husband or wife demonstrate their dedication?
3. Why would you dedicate a building or house?
4. What would be a demonstration of that dedication?

EXAMINE

In **1 Kings 8**, Solomon has a dedication service for the temple that he had built. Read the following excerpts from His prayer of dedication and answer the questions about God who didn't just have a dedication service but demonstrated dedication service.

1. **God demonstrates faithfulness.** Read verses **23-26; 56-57**.
 - What are some ways that Solomon had seen God demonstrate His faithfulness?
 - Why is God's faithfulness such a major emphasis in Solomon's dedication service of the temple?
 - How is faithfulness a demonstration of dedication service to another person?
 - How does God's faithfulness make our dedication service to Him an easy response?
2. **God demonstrates concern.** Read verses **27-30; 52-53**.
 - What role do the ears and eyes of God have in Solomon's dedication prayer?
 - How does listening show concern?
 - How is genuine concern a demonstration of one's dedication to another person?
 - In what ways can we show concern that demonstrates our dedication to God?
3. **God demonstrates forgiveness.** Read verses **31-40; 46-51**.
 - What role does God's forgiveness have in Solomon's dedication prayer?
 - How is forgiveness a demonstration of one's dedication to another person?
 - In what ways can we show forgiveness that demonstrates our dedication to God?

THIS WEEK: Dedication always involves sacrifice. This is what it says in **8:63**, *Solomon offered a sacrifice of fellowship offerings to the Lord: twenty-two thousand cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats. So the king and all the Israelites dedicated the temple of the Lord.* Solomon wanted to demonstrate his dedication to God by his sacrifice. What sacrifice will you make this week to God as a demonstration of your dedication to Him? He has already demonstrated His dedication to you through His sacrifice.