

## Solomon Builds the Temple - 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1

*Topics:* Church, Craftsmanship, Giving, History, Wealth, Worship

### Open It

- \* 1. What style of home furnishings do you favor?
- 2. What house have you visited recently that impressed you?
- 3. What is your favorite room in your house?

### Explore It

- \* 4. On what site did Solomon build the temple? (3:1)
- \* 5. What temple furnishings does this passage describe? (3:1-4:22)
  - 6. What was the primary resource used for decorating the temple? (3:5-9)
  - 7. What was sculpted and covered with gold? (3:10-13)
  - 8. What were the key features of the altar? (4:1)
  - 9. For what were the basins and the Sea to be used? (4:4-6)
  - 10. What furniture and furnishings were made specifically for the temple? (4:7-8, 19-22)
  - 11. Who was the master craftsman, and what did he make? (4:11-16)
- \* 12. What did Solomon do with the items that his father, David, had collected for the temple? (5:1)

### Get It

- 13. What was the significance of the location Solomon selected for the temple?
- 14. Why was the temple decorated so lavishly and ornately?
- \* 15. How do the furnishings of a church affect the way you worship God?
- 16. How can an expensively furnished church building reflect the priorities of the people of the church?
- 17. Which do you feel is better for worship—a simple, plain setting or an ornately furnished building? Why?
- 18. Why was the temple important to the worship of the people of Israel?
- \* 19. What part of your church building has special significance for you?
- 20. How does the amount of money and time we put into our church buildings reflect our priorities?
- 21. If you examined where you spent your money this week, what would it reveal about your priorities?

### Apply It

- \* 22. How can you model the importance of corporate worship for younger Christians on a week-to-week basis?
- 23. How can your use of money and attention to detail reflect your love for God?