

## ***Cutting the Ribbon***

Have you ever been to a dedication ceremony of a building? What was your experience?

1. What was the purpose of the ceremony being held in this passage?
  - a. The festival of the seventh month.
  - b. Christmas.
  - c. The dedication of the temple.
  - d. Groundbreaking ceremony.
  - e. The building of the temple.
  - f. The festival of the tents.
  - g. A diplomatic meeting.
  - h. Other.
  
2. Where was the Ark of the Covenant to be placed?
  - a. In the courtyard of the temple.
  - b. In the palace of King Solomon.
  - c. In the Most Holy Place.
  - d. In the Holy Place.
  - e. In a place where no one could see it.
  - f. It moved around depending on the day.
  - g. Somewhere where everyone could touch it.
  - h. Other.
  
3. What was occurring while the Ark was being carried to the Temple?
  - a. People were singing.
  - b. Everything was silent.
  - c. Burnt offerings were being sacrificed.
  - d. One cow was sacrificed.
  - e. People were partying.
  - f. King Solomon was giving a speech.
  - g. God's presence came upon the crowd.
  - h. Other.

4. What is the significance of the contents of the Ark of the Covenant?
  - a. It was empty.
  - b. Most of the original items were missing.
  - c. Only Aaron's budding staff was in there.
  - d. Only the Ten Commandments were in there.
  - e. The law of God would withstand time.
  - f. The covenant between God and His people was being renovated.
  - g. The law of God would not carry over into the new temple.
  - h. Other.
  
5. What was the significance of what the praise singers were singing?
  - a. They were praising God for the new temple.
  - b. They praised God for his forgiveness.
  - c. They praised God for his unconditional love.
  - d. They were praising Solomon and the temple builders.
  - e. Praising God invited His presence.
  - f. Praising God reinforced the commitment between God and His people.
  - g. The praise songs were the most important part of the ceremony.
  - h. Other.
  
6. What was the symbolism of God's entrance into the temple?
  - a. He entered in person.
  - b. He didn't come.
  - c. He came as a cloud.
  - d. It meant He officially blessed the new temple.
  - e. The cloud's presence meant He would protect His people.
  - f. The cloud stopped the ceremony from happening.
  - g. He came to bless King Solomon.
  - h. Other.
  
7. What does the story of the temple dedication tell us is the true importance of our temples?
  
8. How can we consciously invite God into our spaces and our lives?