Couldn't Be Better

Which is a nicer building—your house or your church?

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-29.

- 1. Why did David stop fighting his enemies?
 - A. He was tired.
 - B. David had defeated all of his enemies.
 - C. God had given David victory over all his enemies.
 - D. David's enemies had become his friends.
 - E. God told David to take a break.
 - F. David was ready to try something new and different.
 - G. It was time to build a temple for God.
 - H. David's soldiers wanted to spend some time with their families.
 - I. Other.
- 2. Why did David want to build a temple for God?
 - A. David wanted to honor God.
 - B. David wanted to thank God.
 - C. David wanted to worship God.
 - D. The Israelites weren't wandering in the desert anymore.
 - E. God put this desire in David's heart.
 - F. David felt bad about having a nicer house than God.
 - G. Nathan the prophet suggested this idea to David.
 - H. This would provide a bigger building for more people to worship God.
 - I. Other.

3. Why didn't God want David to build a temple?

- A. God wanted to remain mobile, not stationary in one building.
- B. David had experience as a warrior, but not as a builder.
- C. People would worship the building instead of worshiping God.
- D. David wasn't worthy of this high honor.
- E. God prefers that we worship Him in nature instead of in a building.
- F. David had fought in too many wars; God wanted a peaceful builder.
- G. God was super-busy with other things at the time.
- H. David was getting ahead of God.
- I. Other.

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4. What did God point out He had already done for David?

- A. Taken David from being a shepherd to becoming king.
- B. Defeated Goliath in a one-on-one showdown.
- C. Protected David from King Saul's drive to kill him.
- D. Inspired David to write so many Psalms.
- E. Given David military victory over his foes.
- F. Given him lots of wives and wealth.
- G. Provided peace in the kingdom.
- H. Other.

5. What did God promise for David's future?

- A. More military victories.
- B. A long life.
- C. No more enemies attacking Israel.
- D. A dynasty of kings, not just one generation like Saul.
- E. A new temple to be built by David's son.
- F. People who would be loyal to God and to David.
- G. The reputation as Israel's best king.
- H. Other.
- 6. When are you likely to praise God?
 - A. When something good happens to me.
 - B. The times I feel close to God.
 - C. When I feel a deep need for God.
 - D. In the middle of an inspiring praise and worship gathering.
 - E. That's how I start every day.
 - F. That's how I end every day.
 - G. I have to slow down from being so busy.
 - H. Other.
- 7. What has God done for you? What do you want to do for God?

8. David's prayer included lots of praises to God. What are your current praises to God?