

SERIES: MOSES

TITLE: Tabernacle

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“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” – Exodus 25:8

1. What is the most impressive thing you have ever built or assembled?

2. Prior to this weekend's teaching, what images/thoughts came to mind when you heard the word "tabernacle?"

3. God provides incredible detail regarding how to build the Tabernacle. Exodus 25–31 provide the blueprints to build it, chapters 35-39 record its construction and Exodus 40 lays out instructions on how to assemble it. Thirteen chapters in all, where only one chapter is dedicated to the Ten Commandments. Why do you think God concerns Himself so intimately with the smallest details and measurements of the Tabernacle? Why would God record them for us to read, versus a more general summary of the instructions?

4. Please read Exodus 25:8-9 and Leviticus 26:11-13. What is God's desire in regard to the Tabernacle? Reflect back to the Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden as well as read Revelations 21:3. What has always been God's desire and even His desire today? Does His desire encourage or intimidate you in your relationship with Him? Why or why not?

5. The Tabernacle, in one sense, is looking back at the Garden of Eden where God dwelled in this undeluded garden with His people before sin separated Him from them. And, the whole Tabernacle is looking forward. Every single component is a picture of something better. Read 2 Corinthians 6:16, John 1:14 and Hebrews 10:19-20. What does the Tabernacle and its components ultimately point to?

6. How do you put a puzzle together? Border first and then work in? Or from the inside out? See Exodus 40:1-8. How does God insist the Tabernacle is set up every time it is moved? What do these very specific instructions signify about how a relationship with God is made available to each of us today?

7. What role did the following physical components play in the Old Testament Tabernacle? And, how does each one point to the promises of Jesus, that He could and would deliver something better?
 - a. One Entrance to the Tabernacle - (John 14:6, John 10:7)

 - b. The Alter - (John 1:29)

 - c. The Basin – (John 13:1-17)

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- d. The Lampstand – (John 1:9, John 8:12)
 - e. The Table of Presence – (Mark 14:22, John 6:35)
 - f. The Alter of Incense – (Revelation 8:3-4)
8. What two materials was the Ark of the Covenant constructed of? What beautiful relationship does that symbolize?
 9. What was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant made of? And what was the empty space between the wings of the cherubim on the lid referred to and what was its purpose? See Exodus 25:22.
 10. Why do you think God placed mercy at the center part of the Tabernacle? What was he communicating to His people, to us? How can you make God's mercy a central part of your life?
 11. Read John 1:14, Hebrews 7:26-27, Hebrews 9:11-12, Hebrews 9:8, Hebrews 10:19-22, Hebrews 3:2-3, 5-6. These scriptures and more give us the ultimate picture of Christ and the Tabernacle. What does Christ provide for all mankind that the priests were unable to provide the Israelites?
 12. How is not being able to meet corporately within the walls of Cornwall Church impacting your walk with God, negatively and/or positively? Read 2 Corinthians 6:16. Knowing He dwells in you, what confidence does that give you in your relationship with God?

MISCELLANEOUS

1. What would you like to talk about from this week's message that hasn't already been discussed?
2. How can we as a group be praying for each other in the coming week?

“God doesn't dwell in [the Cornwall Church building]. He dwells in you. He will never leave or forsake you. You have no excuse to let your spiritual walk deteriorated during this COVID crisis. You have the power of God in you. You ought to thrive right now. God is ALIVE in His Temple. YOU and ME!” – Bob Marvel