

5. Reflect on the tabernacle as a mega theme in the Bible and share your reflections with your group.

6. How would you describe the need we have for a tabernacle and for what happens through the tabernacle to someone who thinks God is easy to approach?

7. In Christ, God once again dwells with us and in us. It's a relationship. It's a relationship that transforms us. It's a relationship with a mission. Which of these needs some extra focus from you for your life right now?

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

SERIES: God Delivers (Gospel Project)

SERMON 7: "The Lawgiver's Tabernacle"

TEXT: Exodus 25:1-9; 39:32-43; 40:34-38

DATE: February 11/12, 2017

The Main Thing

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

Exodus 29: ⁴⁶ And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

The Tabernacle as Mega Theme

- Garden
- Tabernacle/Temple
- Jesus
John 1:14; 2:18-22
- Believers (individually & corporately)
1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Peter 2:5
- New Creation

Gospel Implications

1. We can't _____ God on our own.

God is not _____, and it's not his fault. He is who he is, but we are not who he created us to be.

2. God makes _____ him possible.

Exodus 39: ³² Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished, and the people of Israel did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses; so they did.

John 19: ³⁰ [Jesus] said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

3. In Christ, God once again dwells with us and in us.

- It's a _____.
- It's a relationship that _____ us.
- It's a relationship with a _____.

Jeff Vanderstelt: "Jesus lived, died, and rose again to save a people who would live every day, every moment for his glory. A people who understand the gospel permeates every aspect of their life. This begins with understanding ministry isn't just what pastors do on Sundays and discipleship is much more than a class or program. Instead, every believer has been called: to a life of 24/7 submission to Jesus Christ; to join with others on God's mission as servant missionaries; to see ourselves as sent ones."

Family Discussion Questions:

1. God gifted and empowered his people to accomplish his will in constructing the tabernacle, what might be some tasks our family has been called to fulfill?
2. Knowing that God dwells among us, how should that impact the way our family relates to one another?
3. What are some practical ways our family can demonstrate the presence of God to those around us?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle so that he could dwell with them. God wants to be with his people. For this reason, God later sent his Son to "tabernacle," or dwell, with us.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Exodus 25:1-9. Why do you think God wanted offerings to be voluntary?
3. The people provide the raw materials for the tabernacle through their offerings. Craftsmen build the tabernacle. God builds his tabernacle through his people. How does this compare to how God accomplishes his will today?
4. Read Exodus 40:34-38. How would God's presence filling the tabernacle have affected your understanding of God's character and his greatness?

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who can keep God's Law?