

Exodus 16-40 | Covenant and Tabernacle

Getting Going

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. What is your secret talent? Or what are you good at that might surprise people to know?

Digging Deeper

1. Review:
 - a. We were challenged in the story of Joseph to view our challenges in light of how God was using them for something greater. How did this change/challenge how you viewed your hardships?
 - b. We were challenged to remember our salvation just as the Israelites remembered their deliverance. How did you do that this week?
2. After being rescued from Egypt, God brought his people to Sinai and established a covenant with them (read Exodus 19:5-6). What is the significance of God making a covenant with people? How do we view our covenant relationship with Jesus Christ?
3. When Israel sinned against God by breaking the covenant by making a golden calf (Exodus 32:1-33:6), God had every right to reject his people but he didn't. What does this illustrate about who God is? How does this shape how you view God?
4. The tabernacle represented God dwelling amongst his people. How would you respond to the smoke, the light, the voice of thunder of God's physical presence? How does God's glory dwell amongst us today (John 14:26, Ephesians 1:13-14)? How do you respond to it?

Bonus study: Read Exodus 34:6-7. This is one of the most quoted and referenced verses in scripture. What does it reveal about God? Why do you think it is so important that it is repeated or referenced over 20 times in scripture?

Practical Preparation:

1. To be faithful to the covenant was to obey all the commands and laws God gave the people (Exodus 20-23). Is obeying God still how we can express our faithfulness to God today (Read John 14:15-21)? How does Jesus call us to respond to our relationship with him?
2. Pastor Justin highlighted that the covenant relationship would set Israel apart as a "kingdom of priests." This meant that Israel was meant to help people relate to, and come close to God. 1 Peter 2:9 picks this up and applies it to the church. How might we proclaim the praise of God so that others may know God and be close to him?

Parting Prayer

1. Pray that we might think seriously about what it means to be in relationship with a Holy God and respond in obedience and love to his lavish gifts of grace.
2. Pray that we might understand our role as a holy priesthood which helps others encounter and know God. Pray for those that you know that do not know Jesus, and pray for the opportunity to help them encounter Jesus.

Optional Extra Question - What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?