

Small Group News

Family Night (Rialto Menu: BBQ): Wed 3/4

All Campus Men's Chili Cook-off: March 7th 11am-2pm (@Rialto)

Pray for: Easter Outreach

Small Group Questions
For the week of March 1st, 2020

Make Room (Part1)
Exodus (Various References)

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the month of March, the teaching series will focus on the Tabernacle described in the Old Testament as Moses was leading God's people from slavery to the land promised to them by God. The series will explore the reasons for the Tabernacle and focus on how each of those details pointed to the coming Messiah, Jesus. As we build toward Easter, we will ask the question, "Will you make room for Jesus?"

The focus of the week: **Making Room for God in Our Hearts**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Describe your schedule. What parts take up the most time? If you received two more hours each day, how would you spend them? Describe your perfect day.
2. Have you ever had a life changing/altering experience? What changed in your life as a result? Describe an experience you thought was life changing at the time but turned out to be not so life changing at all. What was the difference?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The primary consequence of sin is separation from God's presence; a problem God has been solving since Creation. Where do we see that in the Bible?

Read: Genesis 3:6-21, Revelation 21:1-8, Matthew 1:21-22 & 28:19-20

What is God's relationship with Adam and Eve in the garden? What is God's relationship with His people, as described in Revelation? What was Jesus' mission on earth and His promise to us, as we answer His call to join Him? How does it make you feel to know that God's plan is to dwell among His people? Discuss whether, or not, you sense God's presence in your daily life and why.

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Read: John 15:1-8

How much can someone do apart from Christ? What do you think it means to “abide,” in Jesus? Share examples of the fruit produced by those who abide.

2. You heard it said this weekend that the two best options to make room is to store things or cleanse. “You can stick things in the garage, or you can have a garage sale.” When challenged to making Jesus the priority, we can reorganize our lives or we can repent and remove the stuff that has to go. What examples do we see in the Bible?

Read: Acts 3:19-20; Matthew 6:19-24; Philippians 3:8-14; Gal 2:20

Define repentance. What kinds of things, thoughts, and attitudes, should we turn back from in order to make room for Christ? What is one thing you turned back from in order to follow Christ? What kinds of treasures keep people from making room for God besides money? Are there any treasures you struggle with that compete with your commitment to Jesus? What have you counted as loss in order to know Christ? In what ways does Christ live in you?

TAKING IT HOME

Commit time this week to review God’s deliverance of Israel out of slavery to Egypt. Read Exodus 1-15 (read 1-3 chapters per day) and record your thoughts on the following: God’s promises, God’s power, what life was like in slavery, the connection between slavery in Egypt and sin today, God’s love for His people, Moses’ relationship with God, and any other insights that God brings to your mind. Familiarize yourself with the story of Israel as you anticipate God’s instructions in the coming weeks to build the Tabernacle, and how the Tabernacle relates to Jesus. Pray for God to open your eyes to what He wants you to learn and apply throughout this series.

GROUP PRAYER

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