

Small Group News

Weekend services will be ONLINE ONLY

Due to current California state policies responding to the COVID-19 virus, on-site church services and ministry meetings are suspended.

Prayer: Easter Outreach; Wisdom for Leaders; Health for the Nation

Small Group Questions

For the week of March 15th, 2020

Make Room (Part3)

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 God the Priority**

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. How did you do with last week's "Take it Home" exercise? Share what you focused on this past week in order to draw closer to God. What was the result? How did God respond to your effort? What lessons did you learn?
2. Where would you rate your time with God currently? Do you consider it easier or more of a challenge to spend time alone with God? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. God delivered Israel out of slavery to Egypt as fulfillment of a promise He made to Abraham hundreds of years prior. What else does the Bible say about God's relationship with Israel then, and with us today?

Read: Exodus 33:11; Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 34:10; Numbers 14:11-19; & 1 Corinthians 13:12

What do you think is the value of meeting with someone face to face? What does it mean to you to read that one day we can all see God face to face? What can you see about the relationship between God and Israel from Numbers 14? What does that tell you about the relationship God wants with you?

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Read: Philippians 2:12-13; 3:8-11

While works cannot save a person, they are a natural result of salvation. Discuss ways you can “work out” your salvation (strengthen your relationship with God). What are some of the benefits of knowing Christ?

2. In the Tabernacle, there was a sacrifice, a golden lampstand, and bread. How does the Gospel of John use these themes in reference to Jesus?

Read: John 1:6-13; 29; 8:12 & 31-32; 6:1-14; 35 & 47-51

Why do you think that John and Jesus refer to Jesus as, “light” and “bread?” What connection does “Lamb of God” have to the Tabernacle? According to Jesus, how do we know the truth? From what does knowing the truth set us free? Brainstorm some ways we can know Jesus better.

TAKING IT HOME

Spend time in prayer and reflection this week to consider how connected to God you are in specific areas like prayer, bible study, family relationships, work ethic, and even God’s purpose for you. Determine where you think you should be in these areas and write down some next steps to help you get there from where you are now. While you do this, know that God wants to walk with you and help you know Him more. Be prepared to share some of your conclusions with the group next week.

GROUP PRAYER

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