

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 Plans; Wisdom for Leaders; Health for the Nation

Small Group Questions

For week of March 22nd, 2020

Make Room (Part4)

Exodus 25:10-22

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: **The Holiness and Mercy of God**

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. Share how you did with the "Take it Home" assignment last week. In what areas do you feel most connected to God? Where do you feel the least connected? Share any next steps you developed to build better connection as you move forward.
2. What has God shown you during this study of the Tabernacle? What has been the biggest takeaway so far? How has that helped you connect better with Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The Holy of Holies and the Ark of the Covenant are pictures of God's holiness and mercy. What else does the bible say about these two attributes?

Read: Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2; 34:10; Psalm 86:8-10; I Peter 1:14-17

What comes to your mind when you think about the Holiness of God? In what ways is God completely "other" (holy) than everything else? How do people typically define goodness? How does understanding that God is holy change that standard for goodness? How is it that we can become holy (separate) if only God is holy? What are some examples of holy conduct?

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Read: Exodus 34:1-9; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:5; Psalm 23

Share some examples of God's mercy from your life. Explain the seeming tension between God's mercy (not giving us what we deserve), and God's holiness (His standard for righteousness) existing together? How does it make you feel to know that God is willing to grant you forgiveness and access to Him even though no one deserves either?

2. Inside the Ark of the Covenant God instructed the Israelites to place items that were to be a testimony of God's story with Israel. How does God's story affect us today?

Read: Exodus 25:16 & 21; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Philippians 4:4-9; Matt 6:25-34

Why would God want His people to remember His story in their hearts? Why is it good to pass that on to future generations? How does knowing God's story help us when it comes to worrying? What are the steps to gaining God's peace? Where do you need God's peace in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

Spend time in prayer and reflect on God's provision for you and your family, especially in light of the current season. Pray for your neighborhood that they can see God during the Pandemic and that God may help you reflect Christ more. Pray for the nation's health. Pray for the medical and science communities to find a solution. Pray for those families who have loved ones with the virus. Pray for those families economically affected by the Pandemic. Pray for less panic, more reliance on God, and more compassion toward one another. Pray for boldness to share the Gospel of Jesus as the only true hope.

GROUP PRAYER

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