



DISCUSSION GUIDE

God Makes His Home Among us (scenes from Ex 25-40)

GETTING STARTED

Why or how is “home” such a powerful image for us?

What does it mean to you that God, through the Spirit has made His home in you?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dave walked us through 5 scenes in Exodus 25-40; God commanding Moses to build a holy sanctuary (25:8), the people build a golden calf (32:1), God describes who He is in response to their rebellion (34:6-7), Moses' responds to God relenting (34:8-9), and the inability for Moses to enter the tent (40:35).

Which scene disturbs you the most? Why?

What did you think of the actual physical space (tabernacle) that God asked Moses and the people to build?

How can we desire God to be impressive and miss His presence?

Do you have a physical reminder that God is present with you (home, office etc...)? Do you think this is important or overrated? Why?

How do you explain the impatience of the Israelites when they decide to make and follow an idol?

What does this say about us?

Where can we grow restless and impatient with God's presence and desire something better?

When God passes before Moses and describes who He is (34:6-7)...how is this consistent with God throughout Scripture?

What does it mean that God both “lavishes” on us and “lays” sins on us? Does God curse or hand us the responsibility for our sins?

In Ex. 34:8, how can it be true that God travels with us, even though we are a stubborn and rebellious people? How have you seen this to be true in your walk with God?

Why is Moses prevented from entering the tent? How is this remedied in the book of Leviticus, but ultimately in Christ?

What does it mean for us that Jesus “tabernacled” among us? (John 1:14)

How do you experience the presence of God and the Holy Spirit?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?
How can we pray for each other?