

WSU Christian Challenge Study Guide
Exodus 25-31, 35-40
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Read Exodus 25:1-9.

- What was the purpose of the Tabernacle?

Read Exodus 35:20-28.

- Who was to participate in building the Tabernacle?
- How were those people to participate?

Read Exodus 40:34-38.

- Why do you think the author chose to end the Book of Exodus in this way?

If you keep reading through Old Testament, you'll discover that the Tabernacle was a temporary provision for Israel; it would later be replaced with a permanent temple in the Promised Land. But, if you read even further, you'll see that even the temple was a temporary provision for God's people because, in Jesus, God does a new thing.

Read John 1:14, Matthew 12:6, Matthew 27:45-51.

- How do we see the way God manifests His presence and glory on earth through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?
- What is significant about the tearing of the curtain in Matthew 27?

Read Ephesians 2:18-22, 1 Cor. 6:18-20.

In the New Covenant of Jesus' blood, God's unique and glorious presence would no longer be fixed to a physical structure, nor would it be constrained to one ethnic people group. In the New Covenant of Jesus' blood, the presence and glory of God would begin to invade the hearts of men and women from every tribe, tongue, and nation who would turn from sin and receive by faith the promise of being made right with God through Jesus' death. Through Jesus, God forms a new dwelling place on earth: the church.

- What do you think or feel as you consider that God has chosen to make the church the dwelling place of His presence and glory on earth?
- As God builds this new temple on earth in us and through us, we are called to offer not simply our gold or our craftsmanship, but *our whole lives*. Is there any part of your life you feel tempted to hold back from God? What would it look like to begin to offer that part of your life as an offering to God?
- As God builds this new temple in us and through us, *we are to have unity with one another*. This doesn't mean we simply avoid fighting; it means we intentionally

pursue being built together into a unity that brings glory to God. How are you doing that currently?

- As God builds this new temple in us and through us, we have to pursue right living. Are there any areas of sin in your life that you need to address so that we may become a more beautiful temple of the Lord? If so, what are they? How might we support you as you begin to address them?