

The Tabernacle – Week 2 Exodus 27:1-8 – November 19, 2023

Check out one of these helpful resources:

- 1) Experience the Tabernacle – Brian Hardin <https://bit.ly/469Dz0v>
- 2) The Royal Priest (RightNow Media) – Tim Mackie <https://bit.ly/472DpcD>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW (Build Relationships)

- What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
- Considering the portability of the altar in Exodus, if you could take one symbolic item or concept with you wherever you go as a reminder of your faith, what would it be and why?
- What role does communal worship play in your spiritual growth, and how do you contribute to it?
- What does the image of the altar being like a giant grill bring to your mind? How is this different from other altars you have seen?
- If you could pose a question to the congregation related to the Exodus passage, similar to "Are you justified, and are you being sanctified?" what would your question be, and why?



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- Exodus 27:1-2 describes the construction of the altar. How does the centrality of the altar in the tabernacle reflect its significance as a communal place for offering and worship? Why were sacrifices and cleansing so central to relating to God in the Old Testament?
- In Exodus 27:1-8, the altar is described as a central, constant, and portable place for communal worship. How does this physical representation of the altar align with its symbolic significance as a reflection of our justification in Christ?
- Considering the architecture of the tabernacle as a communicator of how we are meant to worship God, how do the details of the altar emphasize the communal nature of worship in our Christian community today?
- How does your understanding of Communion deepen considering this text?
- Exodus 30:17-20 introduces the bronze basin. Explore the symbolism of the bronze basin as a representation of sanctification. How does the act of washing after every sacrifice reflect the symbolic cleanliness of God's people?
- Connect the idea of drawing near to God with the process of approaching the altar through sacrifice. How does this act of drawing near contribute to our spiritual growth, as mentioned in Hebrews 9:22-28?
- Discuss the concept of justification before sanctification with reference to Galatians 2:12 and its implications for our faith journey.
- Reflect on 1 John 1:9 in the context of repentance and approaching the altar with a clean heart. How does it guide our worship?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- Considering the question posed to the congregation, "Are you justified and are you being sanctified?" how does the sacrifice of Jesus play a central role in both our justification and ongoing sanctification?
- Considering the continuous sacrifices made on the altar in the tabernacle courtyard, how does the ultimate Sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Heb 10:1–18) reshape your understanding of His atonement for sin and its significance in your life today?
- Reflecting on the symbolism of the bronze basin representing sanctification and the washing after every sacrifice, how can the sacrifice of Jesus be seen as the ultimate cleansing agent for our sins, and what practical steps can you take to live in light of this truth?