

The Tabernacle – Week 4 Exodus 25:31-40 – December 3, 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)

1. Share about a favorite Christmas tradition or memory you have. What made this memory or tradition special? How did it change over the years?
2. Share about a time when you felt lost and needed guidance in your life. Who or what helped you through that period of your life? What/who didn't help?
3. Tell us about a time when you felt God's presence guiding you. How did God's presence affect you?
4. What are some ways you enjoy spending time with God day-to-day? How did you discover these ways of spending time with God.
5. What did you think the purpose of the lampstand was in the Tabernacle? What images come to your mind when you think of the lampstand?



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

1. Read Exodus 25: 31-40. Verse 31 describes the lampstand being made from hammered gold. Why do you think God wanted it made of pure gold? What does this say about the value He places on His light?
2. The lampstand was the only light for the priests to see by in the Tabernacle. What might this teach us about the role God should have in our decision making? As CS Lewis said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."
3. Verses 34-37 talk about the lampstand having seven lamps, wick trimmers, and trays. Why was seven likely used here representing completeness? What does this say about the fullness of God's light?
4. Verses 36-37 mention the lampstand being made from one solid piece of hammered gold. What unity and consistency does this represent from God's light? What was the significance of no separation?
5. The lamps faced inward toward the table of showbread. What might this suggest about Scripture guiding us to feed on Christ through God's Word? As St. Francis said, "All the science of the Saints is included in these two things: To do, and to suffer. And whoever had done these two things best, has made himself most saintly."
6. Verses 39-40 specify the lampstand's design was shown to Moses directly by God on the mountain. Why do you think God cared so much about each detail? What does this overall context say to us about following His complete instructions?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

1. How can we pray for God's light to break through in an area of spiritual confusion/uncertainty you or someone you know is facing?
2. What song or Scripture could you meditate on this week to renew your mindset about Christ being the light of the world?
3. What step of obedience do you sense God is calling you to through your study of Exodus 25?
4. How can you be intentional to point others to Christ's light this Christmas season?
5. What habit or routine could you establish to keep God's Word more central in directing your thoughts and actions?