



Clearwater Community Church

# THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

**Date:** May 13, 2018

**Theme:** God's Instructions for the Tabernacle

**Passage:** Exodus 25–31

Significance of Tabernacle within Exodus:

Bondage under Pharaoh to Dwelling with God

Chapters 25–40: Whom will God's people serve?

Purposes:

A vehicle for God's presence

A place for sacrifices and offerings to be made  
(chapter 29)

A place where God would meet and speak to his  
chosen people (25:22; 29:42–43)

Significance of Tabernacle within Biblical Theology:

God initiates creation and order

God dwells among his people

God moves with his people

Significance of Tabernacle for us today:

John 1:14: Jesus was the tabernacle in flesh

Revelation 21:3, 22: God will dwell without mediation in  
the midst of his people.

1 Corinthians 3:16–17; 6:19: We as believers are the  
dwelling place of God on earth

**Main Idea:** God designs the place to take up residence among his holy people.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Reflect on the book of Exodus. Describe how God has chosen to reveal himself (make himself known) from the beginning of Exodus to the end.
2. How does the tabernacle provide access to God yet still keep God separate from his people?
3. Read John 1:9–18: In what ways was Jesus God's tabernacle? What might Hebrews (especially 8–10) also indicate about Jesus' present role for us?
4. According to 1 Corinthians 3:16–17 and 6:19, how are we God's tabernacle today?
5. Can we take today from this text?

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