

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Exodus 28: 1-2, 6-7, 12, 15, 29-30, 36-38 // ¹ "Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ⁶ "And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. ⁷ It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. ¹² And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for remembrance. ¹⁵ "You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it. ²⁹ So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord. ³⁰ And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the Lord regularly. ³⁶ "You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the Lord.' ³⁷ And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. ³⁸ It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

Ministry of Reconciliation
Exodus 28

How does God reconcile the world to himself?

I. Through Christ

- A. The priesthood of Israel (v. 1-2, 6-7, 12, 15, 29-30, 36-38)
- B. The priesthood of Christ (Heb. 4:14; Isaiah 49:16)

II. Through You

- A. A kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9)
- B. The ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. What burden do you need Jesus to bear for you? How does his work as high priest comfort you in the midst of this burden?
2. How does the church's identity as 'kingdom of priests' shape its calling in this world? How does it shape your calling as an ambassador of Christ?
3. Who has Christ put in your life to hear the message of reconciliation? How is God using your broken past and present to proclaim this message?