

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Exodus 25:1-22** // The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. <sup>3</sup> And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>4</sup> blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, <sup>5</sup> tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood, <sup>6</sup> oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>7</sup> onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. <sup>8</sup> And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. <sup>9</sup> Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. <sup>10</sup> "They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. <sup>11</sup> You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it. <sup>12</sup> You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. <sup>13</sup> You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. <sup>15</sup> The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. <sup>16</sup> And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you. <sup>17</sup> "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. <sup>18</sup> And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup> Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. <sup>20</sup> The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. <sup>21</sup> And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. <sup>22</sup> There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

**The Dwelling Place of God**  
**Exodus 25:1-22**

How does God dwell with you?

I. Through his mercy

A. The ark of the covenant (v. 10-22)

B. The covering of Christ (Rom. 3:25)

II. Through his people

A. The tabernacle of Christ's body (v. 8; John 1:14; 2 Cor. 6:16)

B. Building the tabernacle (v. 1-7, 9; Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 9:6-7)

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. Who do you need to forgive? To whom do you need to extend mercy? How does Christ's mercy towards you empower you to do this?
2. How are you being generous and intentional with your money, your time, and your talents/gifts? How does the purpose of seeing God descend and dwell in the hearts of sinners motivate your giving?
3. If you think of the 'one another' commands of the New Testament as instructions for building community (building the tabernacle of Christ's body), which do you struggle to do well?