



Outward Group Discussion Guide

April 26, 2026 (Silverton)

SUMMARY

This sermon concludes a series on the book of Exodus, focusing on the climactic moment when God's presence fills the tabernacle and dwells among His people. The message explores how the entire narrative of Scripture centers on God's desire to dwell with humanity—from Eden, through the tabernacle, and ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The pastor emphasizes that God's presence gives our lives purpose and direction, that His presence is sacred and requires atonement for access, and that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of God's plan to restore fellowship with humanity. The sermon challenges listeners to actively pursue God's presence through spiritual disciplines and to understand that proximity to God does not equal access—only through Christ's atoning work can we enter into the fullness of God's presence.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the concept of God dwelling with His people in the tabernacle challenge or reshape your understanding of what it means to have a relationship with God today?
2. In what ways do you experience the longing for Eden in your own life, and how might that longing be pointing you toward a deeper need for God's presence?
3. Ryan mentioned that freedom without God's presence leads to another form of slavery. What are some ways you've seen this play out in your own life or in culture around you?
4. What does it look like practically to wait on God's leading rather than setting out on your own, and can you share a time when you moved ahead without waiting or held back when God was calling you forward?
5. How do you currently pursue the presence of God in your daily life, and what pathways of grace might you need to engage with more intentionally?

6. Why do you think proximity to God through church attendance or Christian community doesn't automatically equal access to God, and what does true access require?
7. The sermon emphasized that we were created to worship God. How does this truth change the way you think about your purpose and the direction of your life?
8. Moses had an intimate friendship with God yet still couldn't enter the tabernacle when God's glory filled it. What does this teach us about the holiness and sacredness of God's presence?
9. In what ways does Jesus as the perfect tabernacle and ultimate atonement change how we approach God compared to the Old Testament sacrificial system?
10. How might your life look different if you truly believed that experiencing God's presence in fullness is inevitable, either for your ultimate good or ultimate harm?