



Outward Group Discussion Guide

March 22, 2026 (Salem)

SUMMARY

This sermon explores the often-overlooked significance of the tabernacle in Exodus, revealing it as God's passionate desire to dwell intimately with His people. The pastor examines how the detailed instructions for the tabernacle demonstrate both God's holiness and His relentless pursuit of relationship with humanity. Through examining the bronze basin, the veil, and the ark of the covenant, the message shows how every detail points to the gap between God's holiness and human sinfulness, while simultaneously revealing God's determination to bridge that gap. The sermon culminates in showing how Jesus became the ultimate tabernacle, tearing the veil through His sacrifice and making intimate relationship with God possible. The congregation is challenged to respond to God's pursuit by asking two questions: Are we a people who pray for more of God's presence? And what is God calling us to contribute in response to His desire for us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding that God's ultimate desire was to dwell with His people change your perspective on the detailed instructions for the tabernacle?
2. In what ways do you relate to the tension between knowing about God intellectually versus experiencing relationship and His presence personally?
3. What does it mean for you practically that God calls you His 'treasured possession' out of all the earth?
4. The sermon asks if we're willing to lay down things in our lives to show God we want relationship with Him. What might God be asking you to contribute or surrender?
5. How does viewing Jesus as the new tabernacle who 'dwelt among us' deepen your understanding of the incarnation and God's commitment to being with you?
6. The bronze basin, veil, and ark all point to God's holiness and our need for atonement. How does

this tension between God's holiness and His desire for intimacy with us shape your worship?

7. God asked for contributions 'from every man whose heart moves him' rather than demanding them. What does this reveal about the kind of relationship God wants with His people?
8. The tearing of the veil at Jesus' death removed the barrier between us and God's presence. How should this reality affect the way we approach God in prayer today?
9. The sermon suggests that God comes where He is wanted. Are there areas of your life where you've kept God at a distance rather than inviting His presence?
10. What would it look like for you to pray the prayer 'I want You more than I want the world' and mean it, even if it leads to uncomfortable changes?