

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

### Exodus 28

- Exodus 28:1
- Exodus 28:4–5
- Exodus 28:12
- Exodus 28:29–30
- 1 Timothy 2:1–6

**We get to represent others before God.**

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- Exodus 19:6

- Hebrews 6:20–7:1

**We get to represent God before others.**

- 1 Peter 2:9

**We must put on Jesus as the right clothes.**

- Galatians 3:27
- Exodus 29:43–46
- John 17:17–19
- Colossians 3:10, 12–13

**God gave us what we need for our job.**

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Imagine you had to choose a single item that represents your connection with God or your faith journey. What item would you choose and why?
2. In Exodus 28, the ephod, breastplate, and other garments of the high priest are described in great detail. How do these items symbolize the holiness and authority of his role?
3. Exodus 29:21 mentions that Moses was instructed to put some blood from the ordination ram on Aaron's sons and on their garments. What might be the symbolic meaning behind this action? How does it relate to the idea of covering and identity in Christ as discussed in the New Testament (see Hebrews 9:18-22, Ephesians 1:3-7)?
4. The breastplate of the high priest contained the Urim and Thummim, which were used to seek God's guidance. How does this element of seeking divine direction align with our modern need for seeking God's will in decision-making? How can we ensure we are seeking God's guidance earnestly (see Proverbs 3:5-6, James 1:5, Proverbs 16:3, John 16:13)?
5. Exodus 29:46 records God's desire to dwell among His people. How does the concept of God's presence among the Israelites relate to our present-day understanding of God's indwelling through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)? How can we cultivate a greater awareness of God's presence in our lives?
6. Exodus 28 emphasizes the consecration and sanctification of Aaron and his sons for the priesthood. How does this concept of consecration apply to believers today? How can we set ourselves apart for God's service in our daily lives (see Romans 12:1-2)?
7. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** In this passage believers are described as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession." In what ways can embracing these identities impact our sense of purpose and mission in the world? How do they shape the way we interact with others and engage with our communities?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9*