

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Exodus 40:33–38

When God moves in, it's time to get moving!

2 Chronicles 7:1–2

Ezekiel 10:18, 11:23

John 1:14, 16-18

Exodus 34:6

God moves into our lives.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Romans 8:10–11

God moved in so we must get moving.

Acts 1:8

Galatians 5:16–17

When we don't follow the Spirit, we end up wandering.

Galatians 5:18–21

When we trust and obey, we find paradise.

Galatians 5:22-25

How do I keep in step with the Spirit?

Obey the good he leads you to in scripture.

Obey the prompts he leads you to in life.

Obey the prompts he gives to your church community.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Many times, an event or celebration isn't complete without special preparations beforehand. Name one event or celebration you look forward to and describe the preparations you (or others) go through to make it special.
2. Many preparations were needed to ensure the tabernacle was ready for God's presence, but even more preparation was needed to ensure the Israelites were ready for God's presence to dwell with them. Describe how both this waiting time and the execution of God's specific plans might have helped the Israelites prepare their hearts for worshipping God and following Him.
3. **Read Exodus 40:32–38 and 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.** In Exodus, God's glory came down to guide the people towards a physical destination. In 2 Chronicles, his glory filled the temple with the purpose of resting permanently among the people where they were. What can we learn of God's character or his intentions towards us from these two events?
4. **Read Isaiah 6:1-5 and Acts 9:3–6.** Both Isaiah and Saul experienced being in the presence of God's glory. How do their testimonies instruct us about how we should posture our hearts in the presence of God's glory? How can understanding this impact your daily walk with Jesus?
5. **Read Numbers 14:1-11.** Despite God's physical presence with them in the form of the cloud and the miracles the Israelites had witnessed over time, they would not commit to following God faithfully. Consider the ways that God has shown faithfulness in your own life. In what ways do you struggle to trust him and follow him despite his faithfulness over time?
6. **Read John 1:1-14.** God's Old Testament glory came to his people as fire, but Jesus came as the light of the world. In this passage, John uses the Greek word *skēnoō* translated as "dwelling" or TENT. Jesus became a living tabernacle (tent) of God, filled with the light of his own glory full of grace and truth. John writes that we have seen God's glory in Jesus. Share how you have seen Jesus' glory in your life and tell how it has transformed you.
7. **Read Exodus 33:12-17 & 2 Chronicles 7:20.** God promised his presence would be with his people as long as they wanted him there. Jesus declared a helper would come to be with us forever (John 14:16). When you have trouble believing God's presence is with you, how can you be encouraged that Jesus' promise is true and faithful?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* **John 1:14**