

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." – C.S. Lewis  
**The tabernacle represents our desire for heaven.**

- Exodus 26:1
- Exodus 26:7, 14
- Exodus 26:33–34
- Exodus 38:1

*The message of the tabernacle is you can't come in with sin.*

**Jesus reversed access: where we couldn't go in, God came out.**

- Hebrews 9:25–26
- Luke 23:45
- Acts 2:1–4
- Romans 12:1

**He reverses spiritual warfare: where sin attacked, now we attack.**

- Romans 8:18
- Colossians 2:15
- Revelation 21:10–14
- Matthew 16:18

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Imagine you are a character in the ancient tabernacle during the time of Moses. Which role would you want to take on: Priest? Artisan crafting the furnishings? Someone seeking God's presence within the holy space? Explain why.
2. Take a few moments to read through Exodus 26 on your own. As you think about the construction of the tabernacle, what smells, sights and feelings stand out to you? Why?
3. The tabernacle is described as having different layers of curtains and coverings, including fine linen, goat hair, and animal skins. How do these layers reflect the concept of holiness and accessibility to God?
4. How is the concept of cleansing ourselves from sin and pursuing holiness reflected in the the New Testament? *See 1 John 1:9, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 5:16-25, Hebrews 12:1-2 for a few related passages.*
5. How does your life demonstrate your understanding and gratitude for the access to God that Jesus secured for believers?
6. **Read Romans 8:18.** According to this verse, how does the promise of future glory shape our perspective on the sufferings and challenges we face in the present? How can we maintain hope and steadfastness during trials, knowing that something greater awaits us?
7. What specific places help to prepare your heart to meet with God in worship, prayer or His Word? Why?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* **Romans 8:18**