



God and the Ancients: Bezalel

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Exodus 31:1-11; 36:2; Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Romans 12:4-8

1. What unique calling and responsibility does God give to Bezalel?
2. What unique gifts and empowerment does God give to Bezalel to step into this calling and responsibility?
3. What do these verses teach us about calling, talent, or ability?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. God gives us gifts so we can build up his church. To use them effectively we must:
 - Realize that all gifts and abilities come from God
 - Understand that not everyone has the same gifts
 - Know who we are and what we do best
 - Dedicate our gifts to God's service and not to our personal success
 - Be willing to utilize our gifts wholeheartedly, not holding back anything from God's service

What gifts has God given you to build up his church?

Do you feel “fully-deployed” in your gifting?

What has God taught you about gifts and abilities in the church?

5. We cannot by our own effort or willpower, drum up more faith and thus be more effective teachers or servants. These are God's gifts to his church, and he gives faith and power as he wills. Our role is to be faithful and to seek ways to serve others with what Christ has given us.

Describe a time when God increased your faith or power to accomplish something.

6. How can our strengths balance our weaknesses or the weaknesses of others?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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