

Small Group Guide | Moses: Tabernacling with God

Sukkot and the Joy of God's Faithfulness

Key Takeaways

1. Sukkot Is a Commanded Celebration

God does not merely permit rejoicing -- He commands it. The feast is not a burden but an invitation to remember His faithfulness, receive His provision, and be completely filled with joy.

2. Our Dwellings Are Temporary

From the sukkah in the wilderness to Peter's description of the body as a tent, Scripture consistently points us away from false security in earthly things and toward the permanence of God's presence.

Discussion Questions

1. What was your initial reaction to learning that God commands a seven-day feast of rejoicing?

2. The people in Nehemiah 8 wept when they first heard the Torah read aloud, and then were commanded to stop grieving and rejoice. Have you ever had an experience where hearing or reading Scripture produced a strong emotional response? What was that like?

3. The message describes how Sukkot had not been observed for roughly nine hundred years -- from the time of Joshua until Nehemiah. When the people finally heard and understood what they had been missing, their joy was described as very great. What does that tell us about the relationship between understanding Scripture and experiencing genuine joy?

4. Moses said in Exodus 33:15 that if God's presence did not go with the people, he did not want to go at all. How seriously do you take the presence of God as a prerequisite for the direction you pursue in your own life? What would it look like to have that same posture as Moses?

5. The message points out that our houses and apartments give us a sense of security, but that security is ultimately fragile. In what areas of your life do you tend to place your trust in things that feel solid but are actually temporary? How does Sukkot challenge that tendency?

6. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2 that he came to the Corinthians in weakness, fear, and trembling -- and yet the Spirit moved powerfully through him. Where in your own life have you seen God work most clearly through your weakness rather than your strength?

7. John 1:14 describes Yeshua becoming flesh and tabernacling among humanity. Revelation 21 describes God tabernacling with His people in the age to come. How does keeping both of those realities in view -- the past and the future -- shape the way you live in the present?

8. Nehemiah commanded the people to send portions of food to those who had nothing ready so that everyone could celebrate. Who in your life or community might need to be included in the joy you have been given? What is one concrete step you could take this week to bring someone else into that celebration?

- Discuss as a group whether there is someone in our community or neighborhood who is isolated or without a strong support network. Brainstorm one practical way your group could extend the joy of this season to that person.