

Exodus 35

1. How do you respond when someone brings you a set of instructions and tells you this is the way things are to be done?

Why do you think some people resent being told what to do?

In verse 1, whom does Moses gather together?

Why does he gather them together?

What is the first thing Moses tells the people?

Why do you think this was the first thing said?

Suppose the Lord told us to gather all of Coalgate together. What would be the first thing you would tell them?

2. Beginning in verse 4, what does Moses tell the people they are to do?

What does it mean to you to take up an offering?

Moses makes an interesting statement in verse 5. Whom does he say should bring an offering?

What does this tell us about offerings?

What are the people to bring?

Of the items listed, which would you consider to be the most valuable? The most difficult to obtain?

Where did the people get all of these items?

3. What group does Moses address in verse 10?

What does Moses mean by "skilled" people?

Had you been among the Israelites that day, would you have come forward? Please explain.

What is a tabernacle?

Verses 11-19 list all of the items the people are to make. What are some of these items?

Look at Exodus 25. How accurately does Moses relay God's instructions to the people?

What difference do you notice about Exodus 25 and this passage in chapter 35?

How do you explain this difference?

Read Habakkuk 2:2. How does that verse relate to this event, or does it?

4. What do the people do when Moses is finished speaking?

What does it mean to you that the people whose hearts moved them brought an offering?

Read 2 Cor. 9:7. What does this verse mean to you? What is its implication for us? How does it apply to the Israelites?

What type of gold jewelry did both men and women bring?

Are these items similar to any we have today?

What is a wave offering?

5. Specifically, what items did the people bring according to verse 23?

Again, why were blue, purple, and scarlet yarn so valuable?

According to verse 24, what other offerings did the people bring?

Notice, some brought gold, some silver, some bronze, and some wood. What does it mean to you that not everyone was able to give equal amounts?

Do you think one type of offering was better than another? Please explain.

Look at Mark 12:41-44. What can they teach us about this Exodus passage?

6. What did the women do in verse 25?

How do you think they spun linen during this time?

What do you think would be the difference between spinning linen and goat hair?

What did the leaders bring in verses 27 & 28?

7. Verse 29 is an amazing verse. What does it mean to you?

Whom did the LORD choose to oversee all the craftsmen?

Imagine one Sunday I announced that the LORD appointed two men to oversee the construction of the new building, and I named two people who were fairly new to the church. How might people react?

What qualifications did Bezalel and Hur have to fulfill this role? (See v. 31-33.)

What other ability did God give these men according to verse 34?

How easy or hard is it for you to teach someone about God's ways?

Does it strike you as strange that Israel would have master craftsmen and designers when they just stopped being slaves? Please explain.

8. What have you learned about giving from this chapter?

What lessons about working together can we learn?