

## Exodus Bible Study Assignment

December 2, 2021

Reading: Exodus Chapters 25-28

### Discussion Questions

1. What was the purpose of the offering the Lord commanded Moses to take up from the people of Israel?
2. The offering was to be taken up from “all whose hearts prompt them to give”. How do you think their hearts may have been prompted? How do you decide whether, what, or how much to give in offerings or donations?
3. Do you think it is important for people to make donations/offerings? Why or why not?
4. The tabernacle – a portable sanctuary – was understood to literally be God’s home among the people of Israel as they traveled/lived in the wilderness. Do you believe God to be more fully present in one place?
5. What was one purpose of the tabernacle? Do current church sanctuaries serve a similar purpose? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think God gave Moses such specific instructions for constructing the tabernacle, ark of the covenant, tables, utensils, curtain, altar, and priestly vestments?
7. What was designed to separate the holy place of the tabernacle from the *most* holy place (also called the holy of holies)? What was to be placed in the holiest space?

8. Read Matthew 27:50-51, Mark 15:37-38, and/or Luke 23:44-46. What do you think was the significance of the curtain of the temple being torn in two?
  
9. Why do you think Aaron and his sons (the priests of Israel) were to keep the lamp that was set outside the curtain before the ark of the covenant burning continually?
  
10. Why do you think the Aaron and the priests were to wear such elaborate and valuable vestments? Is it important to you for your pastor, priest, minister, etc. to wear special clothing? Why or why not?

**December 9 Assignment: Exodus Chapters 29-31**