

Dig Deeper @Home – Exodus 40

Complement to sermon on March 27

MEMORIZE Exodus 40: 34-35

"Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle."

READ Exodus 24-31

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
- 2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
- 3. Read Exodus 40: 34-38. What was the purpose of the cloud? How much do you rely on God's guidance in your daily life? What can you do to rely on Him more?
- 4. Exodus ends with the glory of God filling the tabernacle. But the people cannot go in when His glory fills it. There is still a barrier. Read Hebrews 8 & 9.
 - a. How is Jesus superior to Moses? What difference does this make in your life?
 - b. How is Jesus the superior high priest? What difference does this make in your life?
 - c. Hebrews 9:28 tells us to "eagerly wait for him." What does that mean? How are you doing this in your life? (Hint: verse 14 tells us what it means to eagerly wait for him)

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Exodus 40 and Hebrews 8&9. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

Gazing at the Sun

Looking directly at the sun without proper protection can seriously damage your eyes. Within seconds, one has to look away or close their eyes due to the pain and discomfort from looking at the sun. However, with the help of a mediator, anyone can gaze at the sun. You will need two 3x5 cards and a sunny day. Punch a small hole in the center in one of the cards. Go outside and put your back to the sun. Hold the card with the hole in your hand an place the card without a hole on the ground. Hold the card with the hole about 3 feet above the other card in line with the sun. You will see a small image of the sun projected on the card and can look at it as long as you want. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can draw near to God. This is kind of like the 3x5 cards allowing us to look at the sun without our eyes hurting or getting permanently damaged.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing) Jesus Paid it All (O Praise the One) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38EVco7eba0</u> A great worship song about what Christ did for us on the cross

At the Cross <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00Nci1ATvPg</u> Another great worship song about Christ's work on the cross (just too many to pick from)

Come thou Fount, Come thou King – <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRVNZPyMOcM</u> A song similar to #310 in the Mennonite hymnal

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, we are overwhelmed by your great love, that you would pursue us even though we turned from you and rebelled against you. We are humbled, Jesus, that you think so highly of us that you would give your life. Thank you for not giving up on us but providing a way for us to be with you. Holy Spirit, help us to live for you, to declare your love to those around us. Amen.