



Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. ...8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Exodus 40:16-34

16 Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him.

17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year. 18 When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts. 19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

20 He took the Testimony and placed it in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. 21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD commanded him.

22 Moses placed the table in the Tent of Meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain 23 and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

24 He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle 25 and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

26 Moses placed the gold altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the curtain 27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him. 28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.

30 He placed the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, 31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet. 32 They washed whenever they entered the Tent of Meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

The Glory of the LORD

34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

LIFE Community Leader's Guide
Sunday, March 11

Big Idea: You can be moved by the prayer life of Moses because of four images we see in his life.

Key Verse:

Exodus 40:16:

Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him.

Opening Question:

Where do you find silence in the week?

Study/Discussion Questions:

Read through the passage together

Observation Questions

1. List some of the repeated phrases.
2. What were the actions that Moses performed?
3. How did Moses perform them?
4. Share what you can remember about how the tent was set up in the desert, what went in it, how the items were arranged, how the other tents of the community were set up?

Interpretation Questions

1. What would it mean to the Israelites to see the Tabernacle at the start of the day and the end of the day?
2. There is a wonderful progression of worship through the Tabernacle as a person came to each item. What would these items mean to the Israelite worshipper?
3. The simple knowledge of God “dwelling with His people” is a powerful description of God being present with His people. What did this mean for them?

Application Questions

Bryan highlighted two lessons for us:

1. God wants to live with us: what does this mean to you now?
2. We must pitch a tent: daily devotion, weekly time and annual time. How are you pitching a tent in your life right now? Where can you improve the “tent-pitching” in your life?
3. Bryan mentioned one thought at the end of his message: we need to remove the clutter from our lives. What in your life is cluttered right now? How can you “clean it up”?

Pray together remembering the power of Jesus' coming as recorded in John.

John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”