

Creekside Community Church
Exodus: The Rhythm of Redemption
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God with Us (Exodus 25:1-40:38)

“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” (Exodus 25:8)

1. How God Draws Near to Us

2. How We Draw Near to God

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What's the most physically powerful event you've experienced firsthand (e.g. the ocean, a storm, an explosion, etc.)? Share your experience with the group.

Going Deeper

3. In the sermon, Jeff talked about the "*paradox of God's presence*." What is this paradox? How do we see it in the book of Exodus (compare Exodus 13:21, 22; 14:19f; 19:4 with Exodus 21:18-21)? How would you explain it?
4. Why does Moses spend so much time describing the design and construction of the tabernacle (Exodus 25:1-31:18; 35:1-40:38)? How does the design of the tabernacle correspond to God's design for creation (see Psalm 78:69; Genesis 2:15; 3:8, 24; Leviticus 26:12; Numbers 18:5-6; Deuteronomy 23:14; Ezekiel 28:13-14, 16, 18; 40:6)? Why is this significant? What is God's ultimate purpose in constructing the tabernacle (Exodus 25:8)?
5. What role does the priest play in bringing the people of Israel into God's presence (see Exodus 28:1-29:46; see especially 28:29)? What's the significance of the priest's garments (see Exodus 28:2ff; compare 28:42-43 with Genesis 3:21)?
6. How is Jesus both the ultimate tabernacle and the ultimate priest (John 1:14; 1 Timothy 2:5)? How does he enable God's people to become a *kingdom* of priests (see Exodus 19:6; compare Acts 2:1-3)?

Application:

7. The New Testament writers more often speak of God dwelling in *us* (as a community) than in *me* (as an individual). How should this impact the way we think about experiencing God's presence? How should it impact the way we view each other? How should it impact the way we live our lives together?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this sermon?