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life together

SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Main point from Sunday's sermon (Ex 25-31):

God draws near to His people and then tells them precisely how to draw near to Him! Now let's RECAP:

Re-Read

Take turns re-reading Exodus 25-31. As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

Evaluate

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

1. The *plan* for drawing near (25:1-9; 31:1-18)
2. The *promise* to draw near (25:10-27:21; 30:11-38)
3. The *provision* for us drawing near (28:1-30:10)

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

Citations from the Church

"As long as the Law stands forth before God's face, it subjects us to His wrath and curse, and hence it is necessary that the blotting out of our guilt should be interposed," John Calvin.

What's significant about the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant as the place where blood was to be placed once a year on the Day of Atonement? How does Christ fulfill this part of the Tabernacle? Can you define propitiation? See 1 John 4:10.

"He carried them as one making himself responsible for securing their entrance into the

Lord's presence. They could enter only because they rested on him. He, on his part, bore all their burden and brought them with him because they were on his heart," Alec Motyer.

This quote refers to the priests. In what ways does this quote (and the role of the priests in Ex. 28-29) sing of Jesus and His priestly ministry for us?

Application or Advancing the Gospel

Given that the Law has been fulfilled by Christ on our behalf, a simple question would be: What will you do now that you don't have to do anything? If you are free from the curse of the Law, how are you to live? What are some practical examples?

The exacting detail of the Tabernacle reveals that God expects us to follow what's prescribed, not what's popular. How does this apply today? What are some popular trends that are easy to follow that contradict the expectations in God's Word?

How does the Priesthood of the believer (your ability to approach God through Christ alone) change how you live? We, too, have been washed (1 Cor 6:11), clothed (Gal 3:27), and anointed (1 Jn 2:27). What's the significance of this for your life?

Praise

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while with God He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look, and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me.

"Before the Throne of God Above," C.L. Bancroft.