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life together

SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Main point from Sunday's sermon (Ex 35-40):

In light of God's grace, our lives should be marked by heartfelt generosity, obedience, and trust. Now let's RECAP:

Re-Read

Take turns re-reading Exodus 35-40. 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. Live a life of heartfelt generosity (35:1-36:7)
2. Live a life of heartfelt obedience (36:8-39:43)
3. Live a life of heartfelt trust (40:1-38)

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

"Human beings will be drawn out of themselves into unselfish acts of service to others when they see God as supremely beautiful," Jonathan Edwards.

Do you agree or disagree? Why would it be that when God is seen as beautiful, then we'd be compelled to serve others?

"Here then, is the real problem of our negligence. We fail in our duty to study God's Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it

is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy," R.C. Sproul.

Do you agree? Is it easy for you to spend time in God's word on a consistent basis? What stands in the way? What do you need to do to change that?

Application or Advancing the Gospel

Nothing will melt the heart of stinginess, opening the hand clutched tightly around stuff, like grace. Has grace changed your heart toward stuff? How?

Are you more satisfied by God or in the gifts He provides for you to enjoy? Are there some things you are more prone to enjoy than God? Why? How can you combat that this week?

Read Exodus 40:33b-38. The wilderness now becomes the testing grounds of their loyalty and genuine faith! The same is true of us: God requires heartfelt trust of us for the long haul. Is your journey toward the Promised Land always easy? How do you keep going when it isn't easy? What's the motivation when it isn't working like you thought it would (or were told it would)?

Praise

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave;
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will;
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost;
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

"All I have is Christ," by Jordan Kauflin