

**Sermon: The Glory of the Lord is God With Us.**  
**Series: Exodus.**

**Scripture: Exodus 40.**  
**Date: November 12, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Look at Exodus 40:33-34. God was eager to dwell with the Israelites in the Tabernacle. Do you believe that God is eager to be with you? What makes this hard to believe?
- b) Review Exodus 40 again. Look at all the references to the veil and screens. Access to God was limited (also, think about the mediating priests and sacrifices that were required). Can you explain why God's glory required him to limit access to his presence? How do these limitations point to the need for something even better than the Tabernacle?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Pastor Mark asked this question: What do you want from God? He then described three unhealthy ways we try to relate to God. 1) Life FROM God – loving what God gives to us without loving God for himself. 2) Life APART from God – create the life you want without God. 3) Life UNDER God – relating to God through rules and obedience alone.

Which of these best describes how you have tried to relate to God in an unhealthy way?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Read Hebrews 10:19-22. In what ways do you draw near to God? And, on what basis do you draw near to God? Is it the finished work of Christ?

**APPLICATION**

- a) We are now the living tabernacle of God where he dwells in us through our union with Christ. In what specific ways should this change how we relate to one another?

- b) Read, discuss, meditate on Revelation 21:1-4 (or the whole chapter if you have time). What are you looking forward to the most when you live with God one day?

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God's for his eagerness to dwell with us.
- Confess ways that you have related to God in an unhealthy way.
- Thank Jesus indwelling us and making us God's tabernacle.
- Ask God to help you to relate to others in the church (and beyond) according to your shared indwelling Spirit of God.