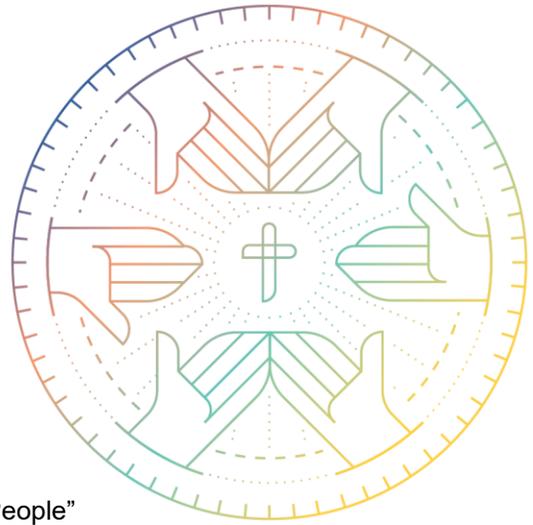


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

No Turning Back: “Tabernacle: God’s Presence Among His People”
Scripture Focus: Exodus 40

ICEBREAKER

What is one place (room, chair, coffee shop, porch, etc.) where you feel most at home?

OR

When you think about being close to God, what emotion surfaces first—comfort, hesitation, gratitude, fear, longing, something else?

INTRODUCTION

Throughout this No Turning Back series, we’ve watched God rescue His people, fight for them, lead them, and reveal Himself to them. The final scene of Exodus does not end with a battle—but with a building. The tabernacle. Not just a structure. Not just religious furniture. The tabernacle was a visible declaration of God’s heart: **He wants to dwell with His people.**

INTO THE WORD

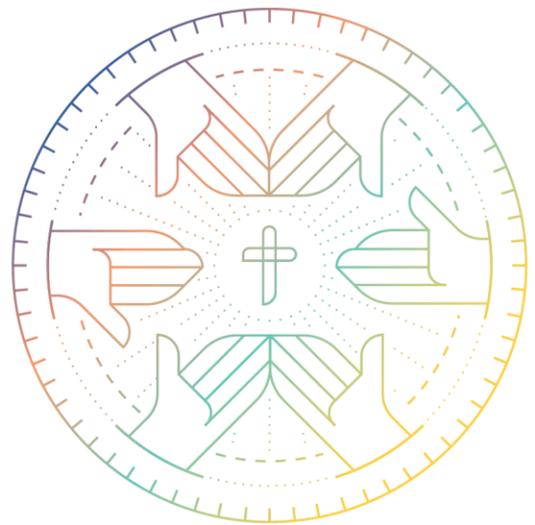
Read Exodus 40:1–16; Habakkuk 1:13 and Isaiah 6:1-5. How does understanding God’s holiness deepen your appreciation for His grace? Why is it important that we do not minimize God’s holiness in order to make Him more “approachable”? How does a proper view of holiness guard us from a casual view of sin?

Read John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:18; and Hebrews 10-19-22. How does believing Jesus is the only way shape other urgency of our witness? Why do you think our culture resists the idea of one exclusive path to God? How does knowing there is one way bring clarity and peace?

Read John 15:5; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 23:1. Psalm 23:1. What are the common substitutes people use instead of Christ for satisfaction? How do you practically “feed” on Christ daily? How does gratitude protect us from spiritual hunger for the wrong things?

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EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Throughout No Turning Back, we've seen rescue, rebellion, provision, testing, and worship. But the final picture is not escape from Egypt—it is God dwelling among His people. The Exodus wasn't just about freedom from slavery. It was about freedom for relationship. The same is true for us. Jesus tabernacled among us so that through His sacrifice, cleansing, and intercession, we could dwell with God. The question now is not whether God desires to be near. The question is: Is He at the center of your life?

If God truly desires to dwell at the center of your life, what is one area that may currently be competing for that central place?

What would it practically look like this week to move from simply believing in God's presence to intentionally building your schedule, decisions, or relationships around it?

TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Worship God:** Reorder one area of your life so God is truly at the center.
- **Seek God Daily:** Spend intentional time in God's presence, confess sin honestly and thank Jesus for being your sacrifice.
- **Make God Known:** Take a public step of obedience (baptism, sharing your faith, reconciliation).

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are holy, unchanging, and full of mercy. Thank You for removing every barrier so we can dwell with You. Thank You for Jesus—the perfect sacrifice, the true bread, our intercessor. Teach us to build our lives with You at the center. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Don't forget to take attendance for your group!