

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. In the lower third of the image, there is a lush green hillside covered in a dense field of yellow wildflowers.

AND LET THEM **MAKE** ME
A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY
DWELL IN THEIR MIDST.

✚ **Exodus 25:8**

MAKE WAY

✕ **MAKE WAY** *IN US*

✱ **MAKE WAY** *THROUGH US*

A Heart Willing to Give | Exodus 35:4 - 36:7

ICEBREAKER

What is something you have willingly given your time, money, or energy to because you genuinely believed in its purpose?

OR

Have you ever been part of something where people were so excited about the mission that everyone eagerly contributed? What made that experience compelling and memorable?

SMALL GROUP VIDEO

Scan the QR code found on the right side of the back of your HOST RESOURCES Card in your HOST Kit. Watch or listen to the “Week Two” video as a group, prior to starting the rest of your discussion.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout Scripture, we see God’s desire to dwell with His people. In Exodus, God invited the Israelites to build a tabernacle where His presence would be among them. But before they could build a place for God’s presence, they had to confront what had captured their hearts.

What stood out to you most from this week’s message?

INTO THE WORD

Read Exodus 25:8 and Exodus 35:4-5.

God invited the Israelites to participate in something He was doing rather than simply providing everything Himself. Why do you think God chooses to involve His people in accomplishing His purposes, and what might we miss when we view giving or serving as an obligation rather than an invitation?

Host Guidance:

God's invitation begins with His desire to be present with His people, not with what they can provide for Him. The tabernacle was a tangible reminder that God wanted to dwell among the Israelites. Their contributions were an opportunity to respond to His presence and participate in His purposes.

Read Exodus 32:1-6 and Exodus 35:20-22.

The Israelites used their gold to make an idol, but later willingly brought their gold to build the tabernacle. What does this contrast reveal about the connection between our hearts, our worship, and what we value?

Host Guidance:

The Israelites' gold was not inherently good or bad. What mattered was the object of their worship and the purpose for which they used it. In Exodus 32, they directed their resources toward an idol. In Exodus 35, they willingly offered those resources to honor God. We may not build golden calves, but we can still allow money, comfort, success, security, or other good things to take God's rightful place in our lives. Encourage your group to consider what their use of time, energy, and resources reveals about what matters most to them.

Read Exodus 34:6-9 and Exodus 35:20-29.

Despite Israel's earlier rebellion, God continued His relationship with them and invited them to participate in His work. Why is generosity motivated by gratitude for God's grace different from generosity motivated by guilt, pressure, or obligation? How might each motivation shape our relationship with God over time?

Host Guidance:

Israel's story is a powerful picture of God's grace and restoration. After their failure with the golden calf, Moses interceded for the people, and God renewed His covenant with them. Their willingness to give in Exodus 35 came after experiencing God's mercy. This reminds us that generosity should never be driven by obligation, guilt or pressure, but by gratitude for what God has already done.

Read Exodus 35:21-29 and Exodus 36:3-7.

What words or phrases describe the people's attitude toward giving? What do you think would need to change in our understanding of God, our possessions, or our

priorities for that kind of generosity to become a natural response rather than an extraordinary exception?

Host Guidance:

Notice how often the passage emphasizes willing hearts, stirred hearts, and people whose spirits moved them to contribute. Moses did not have to pressure the Israelites into participating. This passage challenges us to consider the difference between giving out of obligation and giving because we genuinely desire to participate in what God is doing. Help your group recognize that God doesn't need our resources, He desires our hearts. Our generosity is an outward expression of a heart that trusts Him, values His presence, and willingly surrenders to His purposes.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8.

How do we reconcile cheerful generosity with the reality that giving our time, money, or abilities sometimes requires us to surrender things we genuinely want? What might it look like for us to make what God has already placed in our hands available for His purposes?

Host Guidance:

Paul reminds believers that God loves a cheerful giver and that generosity should be a willing response rather than something done reluctantly or under compulsion. Like the Israelites, everything we have ultimately comes from God. Our time, abilities, relationships, influence, and financial resources can all be used for His purposes. Generosity will look different for each person, but everyone has something they can offer.

E M B R A C E A N D E M B O D Y

As we continue through Make Way, we're being invited to prayerfully consider what God wants to do in us and through us. Before we ask what God wants us to give or do, we need to ask whether we've fully surrendered our hearts to Him.

Where might God be inviting you to loosen your grip on something you've been holding tightly so that He can use it for His purposes?

Group Challenge: Set aside intentional time to pray, "God, what do You want to do in me and through me?" Ask Him to reveal what may be competing for your heart and how you can respond willingly to His leading.

P R A Y E R P R O M P T

Close by praying that God would give each person a heart that is fully surrendered to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that has taken priority over God's presence and to cultivate willing, generous hearts that joyfully participate in His work.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

- Make sure to encourage your group members to memorize the core passage for the series - Exodus 25:8.
- Don't forget to post a weekly photo of your group in your campus Facebook group for a chance to win a pizza party.

Don't forget to take attendance for your group!