

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



## The Tabernacle of Moses Fulfilled in Jesus

**Ice Breaker:** What is the most outdated piece of technology you own and actually use?

**You can come in now:** We live in a unique time in the History of God and His people. Where the Children of Israel did not have direct access to God, we do, through Jesus. What was lost in the garden was devastating to the Human race and the heart of God. But, we are created for the same purpose that Adam and Eve were created for. God was not stopped by the sin in the Garden of Eden. He set to work right away on a plan to bring humankind back to Himself!

**Read Together:** Romans 15:4 (ESV), Exodus 25:8 (ESV), and Exodus 3:5 (ESV)

### **Discuss:**

Oral tradition was huge in the time of the Israelites, but Paul tells us that the things written down are for our benefit. The stories passed down from generation to generation were to encourage God's people to be relentless in their pursuit of Him.

- Share some ways that Jesus fulfilled the things written in the Old Testament.
- Before the Tabernacle, God met with people individually. What would they do as a remembrance of the encounter?
- God wanted to dwell with His people, so He asked them to build Him a place among them. How can we make a place for Him to dwell with us?
- God often comes in peculiar and unique ways and marks those moments as Holy. What are some Holy moments you have had with God?

**The Tabernacle in the Old covenant.** The Tabernacle was to remind the people that God was with them. Each piece of furniture was intentional and pointed to Jesus. Jesus fulfilled the purposes of the Tabernacle furnishings in the New Covenant.

## Consider together:

### • The Ark of the Covenant

- The Manna- **read** John 6:31-33 (ESV)
- Aarons staff/rod- **read** Hebrews 9:24 (ESV)
- The ten Commandments- **read** Hebrews 10:1 (NIV), Hebrews 9:24 (NIV), Hebrews 9:10 (NIV)

### Discuss:

- God saved manna in the Ark of the Covenant to remind His people that He will provide for us. How does Jesus provide for us?
- Aaron's rod reminded them that God used the ordinary to do Miracles FOR their Good. How does Jesus work for our Good?
- The law is only a shadow of the good things coming. How does Jesus overshadow the law?
- What is the "new order"?

### • The table for the bread

**Read Together:** John 6:35 (ESV)

### Discuss:

- There were 12 loaves on the table—one for every tribe. There is a seat at the table for everyone. We each play a role in God's plan. What is your role in His plan?
- God wants to come near. How does He make that clear through the table for the bread?

### • The Golden Lampstand

**Read Together:** John 8:12 (ESV)

### Discuss:

Jesus is the light that shines and makes way for us to see the right path.

- How has Jesus illuminated the way you should go?

### • The bronze altar

**Read Together:** Hebrews 10:10-12 (NIV)

### Discuss:

Jesus is the sacrifice that was made once, for all. The foreshadowing that the Priests did for centuries in animal sacrifice was satisfied in the sacrifice Jesus made.

- What is your understanding of the significance of His sacrifice made for all?

### • The court of the tabernacle

**Read Together:** Matthew 27:50-51 (NIV), John 1:14 (ESV), Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

**Discuss:**

The Israelites had boundaries marked out to keep them in their proper place. They could not approach God directly. The offerings made by animal sacrifice were to atone for sin. Still, they were temporary, and the boundaries of the Tabernacle court were to remind the people that God was too powerful for them. Walls and barriers were there for their protection.

- What is the significance of the Temple veil being torn between the Holy of Holies and the rest of the temple?

- Humans often get enamored with the symbols God gives to represent Himself to us. Pastor Jason challenged us not to get distracted by the signs, symbols, and foreshadowing that led to Jesus. Let's focus on Jesus.

**Discuss:**

- How does His work on the Cross fulfill the objects and rituals of the Tabernacle?
- How do you get distracted from His work by things that pointed to Him?

**Pray Together**

Father, we want to put your word in proper order in our lives. Jesus first, with an understanding that all else points to Him. Please show us how to keep Him first and understand how you have been pointing to Him all along.

In Jesus' name, Amen.