

Sermon Series: God Makes a Way

The Tabernacle | Exodus 25:1-9

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of November 1st, 2026

OVERVIEW

In Exodus 25:1–9, God asks the Israelites to bring willing offerings of precious materials to build a sanctuary where he will dwell among them. They are to follow the pattern he gives Moses, honoring both his desire to be near them and his holiness.



OHANA TIME!



Icebreaker: What makes a place feel like home to you? **Or** When have you felt especially welcomed in someone else's home?



PRAYER

Pray: *Lord, thank you for making your home among us; help us honor your presence in our daily choices and in the way we love one another.*



BIBLE: READ EXODUS 25:1-9

1. Read verses 1–2. Who is to bring an offering? What does God say about their willingness to give?
2. Look at the materials listed in verses 3–7. What do their variety and value suggest about the sanctuary and the people's participation in building it?
3. Why is verse 8 the key to understanding this passage? What does God's desire to dwell among the Israelites reveal about his character and his purpose in rescuing them from Egypt?
4. Whose instructions must Moses follow when building the tabernacle? Why does it matter that God determines how it is built?
5. The sermon traces God's dwelling with his people from Eden through the tabernacle and temple to Jesus, the church, and the new creation. Read John 1:14 and Ephesians 2:19–22. How do these passages develop the promise of Exodus 25:8? What is significant about God dwelling among a people, as well as within individual believers?



APPLICATION

1. If God has made his home in you, what difference should that make to your everyday behavior and relationships? Consider your private habits, how you use your body, and how you speak to and treat others. What is one specific change you could make this week in response to his presence?
2. God dwells among us as his church. How should this affect the way we speak to one another and handle disagreements? What could our group do to help everyone feel welcomed and valued?



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