

Exodus 25-27 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Ex 25:31-40 how was the lamp stand to be made (v31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38-39)? How many branches were there (v32) and how many cups (v37)? What was its purpose (v37)?

5. Using 26:1-14 describe the tabernacle curtains/walls (v1, 2) and how they were joined (v3, 4-5, 6). What were the overlay curtains like (v7, 8, 14) and how were they joined (v9-

6. According to 26:15-30 how was the tent made sturdy (v15, 16-17, 28) and what was used under each frame (v19)? What were the middle bars overlaid with (v29)?

7. Looking at 26:31-37 what did the veil (v31) and screen (v36) look like and how was each hung (v32, 37)? What did each divide (v33, 36) and what was on each side (v34-35)?

8. Using 27:1-8 what was size and material for the altar of burnt offering (v1, 2)? Why? What else was made for it (v3-5) and how was it designed to be moved (v6-8)?

9. From 27:9-19 what were the dimensions of the courtyard (v9, 11, 12-13, 18) and what framed it (v9-10, 11, 12, 14-15)? How big was the gate (v16) and what covered the fasteners (v17-20)?

10. Read 27:20-21. Who was to bring the light for the lamp stand (v20) and what was it to be made (v20)? Who was it for (v21) and why do you think God had the people provide it?

11. As you look back over Ex 25-27 lay out the courtyard, altar of burnt offering, the tabernacle and its furniture. How does the Ark, table of bread, lamp stand, and altar of burnt offering represent the ministry of Jesus?

Scripture to Remember

“Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution.”

Exodus 25:2 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Radical Faith Makes a Difference—Heb 11:4

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about some examples of faith that we demonstrate everyday—including, but not limited to, faith in God. Why does true faith always involve words or actions?
2. Read Genesis 4:1-7. Why was Abel's offering acceptable while Cain's was not—what made the difference (compare Heb 11:4)?
3. Review the examples of blood sacrifice in the Bible. Discuss why “shedding of blood” is necessary to forgive sin (Heb 9:27) and why death is the only fair penalty for sin.
4. What are some “sacrifices” we make today? What is the difference between a sacrifice made by “faith” and one that is not. How are the results different?
5. Talk about the final results of Cain and Abel's sacrifices—how did “faith” play out in their lives? Which was the better and more enduring result?
6. What do you think living a life of sacrifice because of your faith in God look like? What is the only sacrifice that makes you acceptable to God?
7. Discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Introduction to Exodus 25-27



God birthed a nation through suffering to save the world.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1992 author Jim Petersen wrote the book, *Church Without Walls*. It captured the essence of the biblical understanding of the church—not primarily as a place of buildings, but any place where people who gather in Jesus’ name meet with God. This idea is seen in this week’s study in Exodus 25-27. The original “church without walls” was the tabernacle in the wilderness, a portable tent that visibly demonstrated God’s desire to meet with His people regularly. In the first part of this study God told Moses to tell the people to fund the meeting place by voluntarily and generously giving of their resources. These could be gold, silver, or bronze, multicolored materials, various types of skins, woods, precious stones, and oils. Everyone was invited to participate in provid-

ing these resources. Next, God told Moses to construct the tabernacle according to the pattern He gave him. This would include both the furnishing and the framing of the meeting place. We know from other biblical passages that the items of furniture represented the ministry of Jesus who “tabernacled” among us (John 1:14), and He became our entrance to meeting with God in His name. First, there was the Ark of the Covenant, a small box covered with a golden mercy seat in the Holy of Holies. This was the specific place where God met with the High Priest once a year, the “inner sanctum”. He would meet between the two cherubim covering the mercy seat. Outside, in the Holy Place, was a table where bread would be placed daily, representing God’s provision for them. Across from this

would be the golden lamp stand, symbolizing Christ as our light. Finally, a design for fellowship in the meeting place was given in the outer courtyard. It would have a bronze altar for burnt offering, pointing to Christ’s offering of His life for us to secure fellowship with Him and each other. The outer courtyard would be framed by screens connected to posts and there would be a large amount of space for people to gather. This entire set up would be portable so they could be the people of God in the world. They would be a “church without walls”.

Daily Study Questions for Exodus 25-27

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Exodus 25:1-9. Who was to contribute the resources to construct the tabernacle (v1-2) and with what attitude (v2)? What were they to give (v3-7)? What was the purpose and plan (v9-10)?</p>	
<p>2. From 25:10-22 describe the ark (v10, 11, 12, 13-14) and mercy seat (v17, 18-20, 21). How would it be carried (v14-15), what would be in it (v16), and what was its purpose (v22)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 25:23-30 what was the table of bread like (v23, 24, 25) and how would it be carried (v26-28)? What were the accessories made of (v29)? What was the purpose of the table (v30)?</p>	

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