

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Do you remember the last time you felt the presence of God? What was it like? Do you remember where you were?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Exodus 24 together.
3. God chose these 74 people to walk up to the top of the mountain to meet with God. Why do you think God wanted Moses to approach the Lord alone in verse 2?
4. In 24:4, what did Moses get up early to go do? Why do you think this was significant? What was the purpose of the Altar?
5. What does Moses do in verse 8? Why was the blood important?
 - a. *"The blood speaks of the forgiving and atoning work of Yahweh that makes covenant relationship possible between Holy Yahweh and the sinful people."* - H. Junia Pokrifka (*New Beacon Bible Commentary*)
 - b. Knowing all of this, why was it significant that Jesus offered his blood?
6. In verses 10-11, it says that Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders all saw God on the mountain. If you were among that group of people, what would you do if you literally saw God in front of you? (*Worship, ask Him questions, say nothing at all?*)
7. If you could sit down and have coffee or a meal with God, what would you say? What would you ask Him?
8. The reality is, although you may not be able to physically see Jesus, you know he is there. So, why don't we always spend time with God as if he were physically sitting with us every day?
9. Read Matthew chapter 17. How is this event similar to and different from Exodus 24?
10. Read Exodus 25. What does God ask the people to do? For what purpose?

11. Where did these materials come from? (*Egypt*). Why did God want them to offer these materials out of their own freewill?
12. God asked the people to bring only the best materials, the majority of which represented great wealth and prosperity. Why would God want only the best?
13. What was the purpose behind the Tabernacle? What did the Tabernacle represent?
 - a. *“Through the Tabernacle, God’s people can have a reliable, tangible, and regular contact with the Holy Presence of God who is willing to meet with all those who have a deep yearning for His presence.” - Walter Bruggemann*
14. Read Hebrews 9. According to this chapter, what was the purpose of the Tabernacle?
15. According to verses 11-12 what is the connection between the Tabernacle and Jesus?
16. Read Hebrews 10:19-23. According to these verses, what did Jesus accomplish on the cross for us?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- This is the blood of the covenant. “The blood speaks of the forgiving and atoning work of Yahweh that makes covenant relationship possible between Holy Yahweh and the sinful people.” H. Junia Pokrifka (New Beacon Bible Commentary)
- Without the blood of the sacrifice, people are not cleansed from their sin.
- Jesus BECAME OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, and HE OFFERED HIS OWN PERFECT BLOOD for ALL OF OUR SINS!!
- As Christians, we should NEVER take for granted the gift we have available to us every moment of every day to be in the presence of God. We have been given this gift, let's not waste it or take it for granted!
- God is good! God LONGS to be with you. God wants YOUR EVERYTHING.
- Give God your best, because HE is WORTHY of all you have.