

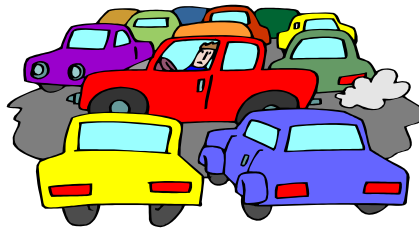
# Exodus 25-37 - Discussion Questions

## 1) Announcements

WILL YOU BE THE FIRST FACE PEOPLE SEE AS THEY COME TO THE ROCK??

WILL YOU BE THE FIRST TO WELCOME THE UNCHURCHED TO THE ROCK??

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN THE PARKING LOT MINISTRY!!



To sign up or for more information

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- a. **Miles Ahead Toys for Joy: Friday, December 10 from 5-10 PM** at Iglesia Bethel. We *still need over 2,500 toys!!!* Our goal is to collect 3,000 toys to benefit the less fortunate children in San Diego!  
For more information, contact Johnny Martinez at x243 or [johnnym@milesahead.com](mailto:johnnym@milesahead.com).
- b. **Men's Ministry Year End Breakfast:** Join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, December 11** from 8-10 AM for food, fellowship, and a special message from guest speaker, Pastor Shawn Mitchel. Sign up at the Men of the Rock table after service. Cost is just \$3.
- c. **Dunamis: Tuesday, November 30 from 7-9 PM** in the sanctuary. Don't miss this incredible, Spirit-filled time of worship and corporate prayer for the Rock Church. Don't miss Dunamis! We meet from.  
For more information, contact Suzanne Lederer at x230 or [suzannel@therocksandiego.org](mailto:suzannel@therocksandiego.org).
- d. **Prison Ministry:** Are you interested in ministering to the incarcerated? Attend a monthly orientation for Donovan State Prison on **December 6**.  
For details, contact Roger Ziegler at 619.475.7343 or 619.813.6188.

## 2) Memory Verse

Exodus 20:3 - "You shall have no other gods before me"

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## 3) Discussion Questions

- 1) Let's talk about an offering (**Exodus 25:1-9**).
  - a) Define the word "offering" and "willingly" (**Ex 35:29**) as they are used in **Exodus 25:2**.
  - b) What kind of offering was asked of the Israelites by God? (**Numbers 18**)  
Why was He so specific in the request?  
*Hint: for what God was going to ask Moses to do... (Ex 28:1-14; 31-40).*
  - c) Look at the offerings offered by Cain and Abel in **Genesis 4:3-12**.  
(**Ps 40:6-8, Heb 11:4**)
  - d) What kind of offering is God asking of you today?
    - i) Your life, career, ambitions, security?
  - e) How do we know we are giving the right kind of offering?  
(**2 Cor 8:12, 2 Cor 9:7**)
  
- 2) Let's look at the significance of the Tabernacle items and how they impact our lives.
  - a) **The Altar of Burnt Offering**
    - i) Now this brazen altar was a type of Christ dying to make atonement for our sins.
    - ii) The altar is a picture of Christ, and what He did for each of us. What strength can we gather from knowing that Christ was in the plan all along?
    - iii) How does this change your outlook on any problems you are dealing with today?
  
  - b) **The Laver**
    - i) Continual washings for the Jews were ceremonial. Remember, John the Baptist's ministry incorporated this element but these washing could provide no help for deep and permanent cleaning. Outwardly they may have been "clean," but inwardly?  
(**Matthew 23:27**)
    - ii) In this area, how did Jesus claim to be the "real deal"?  
*Hint: He's not just water he is LIVING WATER!*
    - iii) How does the Word of God cleanse us?
  
  - c) **The Table for Showbread (Ex 25:23-30)**
    - i) Jesus claimed to be the Bread of Life. As you think back, what other places do we see bread mentioned and how does it relate to community? *Hint: What does it mean to break bread together?*
    - ii) Keep in mind that the people will soon be gathering a daily supply of manna. This "bread" was for daily sustenance.
    - iii) **Lev. 24:5** talks about the specific nature of how the bread was to be placed on the table. How specific is God in his calling on our lives?
  
  - d) **The Gold Lamp Stand**
    - i) The word of God is the candlestick, *a light shining in a dark place* (**2 Peter 1:19**), and a dark place indeed the world would be without it.
    - ii) The Spirit of God, in his various gifts and graces, is compared to the *seven lamps* which *burn before the throne* (**Rev. 4:5**). The churches are golden candlesticks, the lights of the world, *holding forth the word of life* as the candlestick does the light. (**Phil. 2:15, 16**).
    - iii) Ministers are to light the lamps, and snuff them (v. 37), by opening the scriptures. The treasure of this light is now put into *earthen vessels* (**2 Co. 4:6, 7**). The branches of the candlestick spread every way, to denote the diffusing of the light of the gospel into all parts by the Christian ministry (**Mt. 5:14**).
    - iv) Does this light make any difference if it is hidden under a cover? Are you hiding this light from your non-saved friends, family or co-workers?



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- e) **Altar of Incense**
- i) Prayer is often pictured as incense to God.
  - ii) Are your prayers a fragrant offering to God or do they let off some other kind of odor?
  - iii) What kind of prayers do you think are pleasing?
  - iv) What kinds are foul?
- f) **The Ark of the Testimony (Exodus 25:10-22)**
- i) Lets look quickly at each of the items inside the Ark (**Hebrews 9**)
  - ii) Pot of Manna - Reminded the people of God's provision for them while they were in the wilderness.
  - iii) How has God provided for you in your times in the wilderness?
  - iv) Aaron's Rod - Sign of authority of the Priesthood
  - v) 2 Tablets - The Ten Commandments.
  - vi) Like we mentioned above, this law was a testimony to them, to direct them in their duty, and would be a testimony against them if they transgressed.
  - vii) The Mercy Seat - Place where God made His presence known.
  - viii) Remember, God sprinkled Jesus Christ's blood on the mercy seat and then tore the veil that separated us from Him! Thanks be to God for His amazing gift
  - ix) **Hebrews 9:11-28** gives us the ultimate picture of Christ and the Tabernacle. You can see the Gospel in **Exodus 25**...How AWESOME!!!
  - x) Christ is our High Priest (**Hebrews 9:11**)
  - xi) Christ entered the tabernacle once and for all for the forgiveness of our sins (**Hebrews 9:12**)
  - xii) He did not sacrifice an animal, he used His own blood! (**Hebrews 9:12**)
  - xiii) Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant. (**Hebrews 9:15**)
  - xiv) According to the Law, almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission! (**Hebrews 9:22**)
  - xv) Unlike the repeated sacrifices in Exodus, Christ dies once and for all! (**Hebrews 9:27**)
- 3) **BONUS - The Court of the Tabernacle (Ex 27:9-19)**
- a) This court was a type of the church, enclosed and distinguished from the rest of the world, the enclosure supported by pillars, denoting the stability of the church, hung with the clean linen, which is said to be the *righteousness of saints*, (**Rev. 19:8**).
  - b) These were the courts David longed for and coveted to reside in (**Ps. 84:2, 10**), and into which the people of God entered with praise and thanksgiving (**Ps. 100:4**); yet this court would contain but a few worshippers.
  - c) Thanks be to God, now, under the gospel, the enclosure is taken down.