

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

9.1.24

BEYOND SUNDAY

The Tabernacle and the Glory of God — Exodus 40 — Mark Tunney

- 1. Understanding the Significance of the Tabernacle:** The sermon describes the tabernacle as a “military beachhead” for God’s presence. How does this analogy help you understand the role of the tabernacle in the broader narrative of Exodus and in the relationship between God and humanity?
- 2. Personal Reflection on God’s Presence:** Reflecting on the sermon, how does the idea that God set up His presence among His people in the tabernacle impact your personal understanding of God’s desire to be close to you today?
- 3. The Symbolism of the Tabernacle's Structure:** How do the different elements of the tabernacle (e.g., the Bronze Altar, the Bronze Basin, the Golden Lampstand) reflect aspects of Jesus’ role and mission as described in the sermon? Can you relate any of these symbols to your own spiritual journey?
- 4. The Role of the Curtain:** The sermon notes that the curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place symbolizes the barrier of sin. How does Jesus’ tearing of this curtain (Matthew 27:51) change the way we approach God? How does this impact your view of prayer and worship?
- 5. God’s Holiness and Access:** Why was Moses unable to enter the tabernacle even after its completion? How does this story illustrate the concept of God’s holiness and the requirement of atonement before approaching Him?

- 6. Reversal of the Exile:** The sermon mentions that facing the tabernacle east symbolizes a reversal of humanity's exile from the Garden of Eden. How does this understanding of the tabernacle help you see the connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

- 7. Tabernacle and Jesus:** In what ways does the sermon illustrate that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the tabernacle's symbolism? How does this influence your understanding of Jesus' role in your faith?

- 8. Community and Worship:** The sermon highlights the importance of community in the context of the tabernacle. How does the concept of gathering around God's presence in the tabernacle inform your view of communal worship and church life today?

- 9. Personal Application of Tabernacle Teachings:** How can the detailed instructions and symbolism of the tabernacle be applied to your daily life and spiritual practices? Are there specific aspects of your life where you feel called to make changes or seek deeper connection with God?

- 10. The Tabernacle's Legacy:** The sermon explains that Christians no longer need physical tabernacles or temples because of Jesus. How do you personally engage with the idea that Jesus is the living tabernacle? How does this understanding affect your personal worship and relationship with God?