



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 17, 2026

Exodus 25:1-22

The Tabernacle: We Need Worship Because We Need God

Worship as Voluntary (Exodus 25:2)

1. The sermon emphasized that worship should come from hearts that are "moved" rather than from obligation. How would you describe your current motivation for attending worship services?
2. What's the difference between being "made to go to church" as a child and choosing to worship as an adult believer? How did that transition happen in your own life?

Worship as Costly (Exodus 25:3-7)

1. What does it mean practically for worship to be "costly" beyond just financial giving? What does worship cost you in terms of time, priorities, or sacrifice?
2. Second Corinthians 9:7 says "God loves a cheerful giver." How can we cultivate cheerfulness in our giving rather than resentment or obligation?

Worship as Grace-Filled (Exodus 25:8)

1. The sermon explained that God "condescends" to meet with us—He comes down to be with us. How does understanding worship as God's gift to us (rather than our duty to Him) change how we approach Sunday mornings?
2. Discuss the three theological words mentioned in Pastor Clint's sermon. Which of these aspects of the gospel do you need to be reminded of most right now?
 - a. Propitiation: God's wrath turned aside
 - b. Expiation: Our sins cleansed
 - c. Communion: Fellowship with God

Worship with a Plan (Exodus 25:9)

1. God gave Moses exact instructions for the tabernacle: "Exactly as I show you...so shall you make it." Why do you think God cares about how we approach worship?
2. The sermon mentioned that Hickory Grove's worship is "thought out, intentional, filled with prayer...theological, biblical, congregational, and gospel-filled." Why might structure and planning in worship help rather than hinder the Holy Spirit's work?

Worship Has a "Vibe" (Exodus 25:10-16)

1. Everything in the tabernacle was covered in gold, creating a sense of majesty and holiness. How should the holiness and majesty of God affect the way we conduct ourselves in worship?
2. The sermon said we shouldn't approach worship "flippantly, casually, or silly." At the same time, our worship should be "celebratory" and "joyful." How do we balance reverence with joy?
3. What are some practical ways we can prepare our hearts before worship to approach God with appropriate seriousness and celebration?

Worship Needs the Gospel (Exodus 25:17, 22)

1. Inside the ark was the law (showing our sin); on top was the mercy seat (showing God's grace). How does this picture help you understand the relationship between God's justice and His mercy?
2. Exodus 25:22 says God promised, "There I will meet with you." Where and how does God meet with us today under the new covenant?

Personal Application

1. The sermon's main point was: "We need worship because we need God." In what areas of your life do you most need to be reminded that you need God right now?
2. What is one specific way you can prepare your heart differently for worship next Sunday based on what you learned from this sermon?