



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 31:1-11

God Honoring Work

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Opening Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this sermon on Exodus 31:1-11? Was there anything that surprised you about this passage?
2. Before hearing this sermon, had you ever noticed that the first person described as being "filled with the Spirit of God" in Scripture was a craftsman rather than a priest or prophet? What does that tell us about God's view of work?

God Calls Us by Name (Verses 1-2)

1. The Pastor emphasized that "God calls you by name"—not just a general call, but a specific, personal one. How does knowing God calls you personally (rather than just making a general invitation) affect how you view your relationship with Him?
2. Bezalel had an impressive family pedigree, but the text emphasizes God's personal call to him. How does this passage challenge both those who come from strong Christian families and those who don't? Why can neither background be a substitute for personal calling?

God Motivates Our Work (Verse 2)

1. What does it mean practically that Bezalel was "filled with the Spirit of God" for his construction work? How does this challenge any distinction we might make between "sacred" and "secular" work?
2. The Pastor read Romans 8:5-11 about living according to the Spirit. How does being filled with the Spirit change our motivation for daily work—whether in the home, office, classroom, or anywhere else?
3. What are some ways we can recognize God as the one motivating us rather than taking credit for our own drive and ambition?

God Equips Us for the Job (Verse 3)

1. The sermon outlined four ways God equipped Bezalel: ability (wisdom), intelligence (understanding), knowledge (information), and craftsmanship (applied skill). Which of these do you see God has given you? How are you using them for His glory?

2. The Pastor warned against being "cocky" about the abilities God has given us. How can we maintain humility about our gifts while still confidently using them in service?
3. First Corinthians 12 reminds us that the body has many members with different functions. Do you ever struggle with wishing you had someone else's gifts rather than embracing your own? How does today's passage speak to that?

God Makes Sure We Are Not Alone (Verses 6-11)

1. Bezalel didn't work alone—God appointed Oholiab to work alongside him, plus other skilled workers. Why is it significant that these two men came from different tribes (Judah and Dan) that sometimes warred with each other?
2. The sermon ended with the story of the rooster who thought the sun came up because he crowed. Where in your life might you be carrying weight that God never intended you to carry alone?
3. How does the community of the church help relieve the pressure of thinking "it all depends on me"? Can you share an example of when fellow believers helped carry a burden with you?

Application and Reflection

1. What is your current "assignment" from God? (Remember: it might be being a parent, student, employee, church member, etc.) How does seeing it as a divine assignment rather than just a role change your perspective?
2. The pastor said, "Your work is holy unto the Lord." How does this truth affect how you'll approach your work this week—whether at home, in your job, or in volunteer service?