

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Where We Met (*A Study of the Tabernacle*) **Week 3: Jesus Provides for Us** **Exodus 40:22-26**

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This week we studied the three pieces of furniture in the front room (“The Holy Place”). We discovered that the bread table, lampstand, and incense altar all help us appreciate the ways Jesus transforms our lives.

Kicking It Off: Our study mentioned the fragrant aroma that the incense altar emitted. What is one of your favorite smells?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Exodus 40:22-26 (NLT)* *Moses placed the table of the Bread of the Presence in the tabernacle along the north side of The Holy Place. He set the lampstand across from the table on the south side of The Holy Place. He also placed the incense altar in The Holy Place in front of the inner curtain.*

What do you think it was like for the priests to enter this front room of the tabernacle?

2. The Table of the Bread of the Presence reminds us of what Jesus said in *John 6:35* *Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.”*

Jesus was not referring to our physical hunger for food. What hunger was He referring to? Why did God hardwire us with this hunger?

3. People have tried to satisfy their inner hunger by pursuing many things that only disappoint in the end. What are some of the things people chase in hopes of finding satisfaction.
4. The lampstand illuminated the darkness in the front room of the tabernacle. Jesus spoke of illumination in *John 8:12 (TLB)* *Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t stumble through the darkness, for light will flood your path.”*

The believer’s understanding about the great drama of life is called the “Christian World View.” What are some aspects of our “Christian World View”?

5. The incense altar emitted rising smoke that symbolized our prayers. Reread these two verses: *Exodus 30:8 (JUB)* *Aaron must burn the incense continually. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)* *Never stop praying.*

What does it mean to pray perpetually?

6. Reread *Exodus 30:10 (NLT)* *Aaron must purify the altar of incense by smearing its horns with blood from the offering made to purify the people.*

Why is the crucifixion of Jesus essential to our capacity to pray with effect?

Wrapping Up Jesus changes everything! Spend some time thanking the Father for sending his Son!