



God Abides With His People | Exodus 25:1-8

1. Exodus 25:1-2. Who speaks first in this passage, and what does that tell us about the nature of the relationship? What does God not require from Israel before inviting them to build the sanctuary?
2. How does God's initiative here challenge the idea that human obedience earns divine presence? See John 1:14; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-9. What do we learn about salvation as grace, not achievement. In what ways do Christians/you still slip into thinking we must "qualify" for closeness with God?
3. How does understanding God's initiative reshape repentance, prayer, and worship? For reflection: Where might you be holding back from God because you think you need to fix yourself first?
4. What kind of offering does God ask for? What does the phrase "*whose heart prompts them*" reveal about God's desire? Why do you think God values willingness over obligation? See 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:1. Discuss how can religious duty crowds out joy in our relationship with God? What does "*willing participation*" look like beyond financial giving?
5. Exodus 25:3-7. Consider the kinds of materials listed. Where did these items originally come from? How does God transform ordinary resources into sacred instruments? See 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 2 Corinthians 4:7; Acts 3:6. Are you underestimating what God can do with an ordinary life? How does this passage speak to feelings of inadequacy in ministry or service?
6. For reflection: What skills, experiences, or resources might you be overlooking that God wants to use in "*willing participation*"?
7. Exodus 25:8. What is the stated purpose of the sanctuary? How is dwelling or abiding different from occasional visitation? See John 14:23; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Revelation 21:3. How do modern Christians sometimes treat God as a destination rather than a dwelling presence? What rhythms of life help cultivate awareness of God's nearness?
8. Where is Israel when God gives His command in v8? What does this teach us about God's presence during seasons of challenge or transition? As we consider the transition to our new building, how does this verse encourage or challenge you?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
 What did you discover about people in this passage?
 How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
 With whom will you share what you have learned?

