



WARM UP QUESTION: What are two things that don't mix?

READ: Exodus 25:1-9

FOCUS: The God who loves us teaches us to worship from the heart, seek His presence and draw near to Him according to His Word.

OBSERVE:

- God seeks worship from the heart (Exodus 25:1-2). The Lord instructed Moses to receive from those whose hearts were moved to make contributions for Tabernacle worship. Worship is our proper response to knowing God as Savior, Lord and Redeemer.
- God invites all to be in His presence and to remain there. Yet, because God is Holy, He must make a way for humanity to be with Him. In Exodus, the ark of the covenant was the most precious symbol of His dwelling among His people.
- Today, we can now draw near in full assurance because God tabernacled among men through Christ's life (John 1:14). By the Spirit, God dwells forever in every believer and in His church. This constant beholding of God brings about divine revelation and spiritual transformation.
- God teaches us to worship according to His Word. Moses was strictly told to follow God's detailed instructions for building the Tabernacle and all its furnishings. God desires us to worship Him according to His Will and His ways. This allows us to be a people who are set apart resulting in a proper representation of God to the lost.

TAKING ACTION:

- How can you engage the Spirit in private worship this week? (singing, listening, playing an instrument/praise and worship, meditating on Scripture?)
- Do you come early and excited to gather with God's people to worship on Sundays?

REFLECT:

- Are you still expectant to meet with the Lord and encounter His presence on a daily basis? Why or why not?
- Why do we sing, play instruments, lift our hands, shout, clap, dance, and make noise for God's glory?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, thank you for making a way for me to have access to Your presence. Please continue to work in my heart so that I would long for more of Your Spirit. Train my heart to praise and worship you regularly, diligently, and passionately.