

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Construction of the Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting

Read Exodus 40

- See [Interior of the Tabernacle](#)
- What is a Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting? (the first design of the Tabernacle was a portable worship center. The Tabernacle traveled with the Children of Israel from Mt. Sinai to Canaan where it was set up in Shiloh. It was moved to Nob after the Philistines threatened it in Shiloh. Solomon completed a stationary Temple and used the furnishings from the original Tabernacle. Richards Complete Bible Dictionary.)
- What was so important about the Tabernacle? (the design of it was given by God to Moses)
- What is the significance of the Tabernacle? (God is willing to meet with His children)
- Why was there only one door? (Only one way to go to God)
- What was the purpose of the altar of brass? (Sacrifice)
- What are we asked to sacrifice today? (Human will)
- What was the laver used for? (Cleaning)
- What was in the Holy Place? (Seven-branched Candlestick; Table of Shewbread; and Altar of Incense)
- How many loaves of bread were on the Shewbread table? (12)
- This number represents? (Twelve tribes of Israel)
- What covered the Holy of Holies? (veil)
- Who could enter the Holy of Holies? (Only the high priest. They tied a rope on his leg. In case anything happened to him they could pull him out since no one else could go into the Holy of Holies.)
- What was in the Holy of Holies? (The Ark of the Covenant)
- What was in the Ark of the Covenant? (the Ten Commandments)
- Why is this so important? (If you look at Jesus' life and the statements he made about himself, what others called him, and what he did, you can see the pattern of the Tabernacle in his life. When he refers to his body as the Temple [tabernacle] that he will raise up in three days, he is letting each of us know we are the temple of God. Look at his statements - or ask students to find these statements:
 - Entrance to the Tabernacle - Jesus said I am the door. John 10:9.

- Altar - John called Jesus the Lamb of God. John 1:29 The lamb was used for sacrifice.
- Laver- purification - Jesus washed his disciples feet - he purified their footsteps
- Golden Candlesticks - Jesus said I am the light of the world. John 8:12
- The shewbread - Jesus said I am the bread of life. John 6:35
- Incense - gratitude and prayer - Jesus began many of his healings in prayer or thanksgiving.
- The Veil kept everyone but the high Priest out of the presence of God. Jesus' death on the cross ripped the veil in the temple showing that man has free access to God.
- The Ark of the Covenant contained the Ten Commandments - the laws that Jesus lived and taught. He also summed up the Ten commandments in two –
- **Matt 22:37-39** Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- Jesus took those commandments from
 - Deut 6:4,5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
 - Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.