



# EXODUS

## *discussion guide*

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation, and Conversation on today’s text:

**Date: 7/28/2024 – “Sweet Altar of Prayer” (Exodus 30:1-10)**

1. In conjunction with Exodus 30:1-1-0, read Psalm 142:2; Luke 1:10, Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4 - what was the burning of fragrant species on the golden altar a symbol of?
2. Based on the symbolism of burning incense (God has no need of nice smelly things, nor does he have physical nostrils), and the fact that Aaron would burn incense morning and evening - what could be the significance of this for God’s people (then for Israel, and today for Christians)? [hint: 1 Thess 5:17]
3. In the context of Exodus 30:1-10, what do we see is the purpose of the incense and sacrifices being made? There is a “mercy seat” (30:6), and there is “atonement” being made (v.10). What kinds of prayers are being made here,? [think of the major 4: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication].
4. Moses is no longer making intercession for us - that has passed on to Christ (and to his people, as we pray for one another). Read Hebrews 7:25, and Romans 8:34 and give thanks and praise to God for what Christ’s ministry for us looks like now (re-read John 17 for an example for how he prays for his disciples).
5. Application: who are you interceding for? Who doesn't know Christ that you can regularly plead for before the throne of grace for ? (cf. Heb 4:16) Who is praying for you, and your spiritual life? How does this passage and how does the consideration of Christ’s atonement, fuel our joy in God, and drive our sanctification?