



## THE ARK OF THE COVENANT • EXODUS 25:10-22

As God gave Moses instructions for the Tabernacle, the place he began had nothing to do with its structure, the foundation, or the floor plan. He began with a piece of furniture. Within the Holy of Holies sat the holiest object within the portable sanctuary: the Ark of the Covenant. It was here that the sacred tablets containing God's word would lie. It was here that blood would be applied to provide covering for the sin of Israel. It was here that God would meet and speak with his people. In Exodus 25:10–22 we see both *The Witness of the Ark*, and *The Promise of the Mercy Seat*.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a distinct memory you have of a place of worship?
2. In what ways was the Ark of the Covenant significant to the people of Israel?
3. How does the location of the Ten Commandments speak to the importance of God's Word in the life of God's people? What are some ways we can make sure the word is central to our life together?
4. How does the Ark of the Covenant point us to Christ?
5. The lid of the ark was known as the mercy seat. What happened here?
6. What does it mean that we are a mercy-seated people? How should this change our lives?

### PRAYER

Pray that our need for forgiveness and mercy remain fresh in our minds, and that we will be a joyful and grateful people for the mercy given to us in Christ.