

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

4/14/19

**Text: Exodus 40:18-35 & 38**

**Title: The Glory of God's Dwelling**

**Teacher: Tim Rice**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

*In his sermon, Tim ended our series in the book of Exodus looking at God's presence descending and filling the Tabernacle. As Tim said, the whole story of the Bible points to this very theme. That sin has separated us from God, (Adam and Eve being banned from the Garden of Eden) and God providing the only way for us to come back into his presence. Because of our sin and brokenness, if we were to enter God's presence we would be destroyed by the glory of our holy God. But in His mercy, He provides a way for us to be atoned for in a blood sacrifice, and to be washed clean. It is only after the substitutionary sacrifice, and the ritual washing, that the priests could enter into God's presence in the Holy of Holies. But through Christ, acting as our greater, permanent sacrifice, washing us clean from all of our sin, and interceding for us as our Great High Priest, all who are in Christ can not only enter into God's presence, but God's very Spirit can enter into them. We can be filled with the Spirit of the Living God, and live as His, all because of Jesus.*

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Tim said there's an impact when God, like a famous person, offers us an invitation.*
  - *If you could pick one famous person to invite you over to their house, who would it be? What would that be like? What would you do?*
  - *Why do we have such a hard time thinking about God's invitation the same way?*
2. *Because of our sin, God erects a thick veil to keep us out. As a reminder of Eden, the veil was woven in gold with images of the Flaming Cherubim guarding Eden.*
  - *Where have you felt the sense that you're an outsider?*
  - *What strikes you about the way God constructs his Tabernacle?*
3. *Tim told a story of helping remove fish from a lake to save them from being suffocated by the water that would soon be pumped in, and knowing that every one that got away would die. The reality is, if we don't allow ourselves to be saved by God, we will die.*
  - *Like a fish scurrying away from rescue, how can you see ways you have resisted God trying to save you and be one with you?*
  - *Why is it amazing that God would now call US His Tabernacle?*
  - *What story of God's redemption does your life "tapestry" tell?*

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

**1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

**2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

**3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

**4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

**5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

### **Prayer Items**

- 1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, who fills the heavens and the earth. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His holy Presence and His mercy to restore you to Him in Christ.*
- 2. How have you lived as if God's presence is irrelevant? Confess your spiritual numbness to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse you of your sin (that separates you from Him) and to heal your hardness of heart.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to cleanse us so that His Spirit could inhabit us. Thank Him for tearing open the curtain of separation so that we could enter in to be with God and that He can enter into us.*
- 4. Who do you know that ignores the Presence of God while they passionately seek the presence of other people in their life? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them realize their need for Jesus.*
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to awaken you to the miracle of His indwelling Presence. Pray for the fruit of joy in your heart, especially as you see the staggering privilege of having God's presence sealed to you eternally in Christ.*