

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Where We Met (*A Study of the Tabernacle*) **Week 2: God Saves Us** **Hebrews 10:19-20**

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This week, our study of the tabernacle brings us to the courtyard and its two pieces of furniture. The altar and the basin teach us about the only way to access friendship with God.

Kicking It Off: Confession Time! Have you ever gained access to a location you were not permitted to enter? If so, tell the group about it.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Hebrews 9:6-7 (NLT)* *The priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year.*

What was God trying to teach us by making access to the back room of the tabernacle so exceedingly restricted?

2. Reread *Leviticus 1:3-4 (NLT)* *Bring your animal to the entrance of the tabernacle. Lay your hand on the animal's head, and the Lord will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him.*

These verses help us understand how the altar was used. How do these verses help us understand the cross of Jesus Christ?

3. Reread *John 1:29 (NIV)* *John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

What did John's words mean to those who first heard them?

4. Reread *Exodus 30:17-20 (NLT)* *The Lord said to Moses, "Make a bronze washbasin and place it between the Tabernacle and the altar, and fill it with water. Aaron and his sons must wash with the water whenever they go into the Tabernacle to appear before the Lord—or they will die!"*

Why would God kill those who fail to wash their hands in the washbasin?

5. Reread *Hebrews 10:19-20 (NLT)* *We can boldly enter the Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and living way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.*

What would it look like for you to "boldly enter the Most Holy Place"?

6. Imagine a Christian struggling to believe God loves them. Imagine they are painfully aware of their own sin, and it seems illogical for a holy God to adore an immoral person. What would you say to help this person?

Wrapping Up: Pray that we would all grow to embrace the scandalous love of Jesus for sinners like us.