

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Where We Met (*A Study of the Tabernacle*)
Week 4: God Reveals Himself to Us
Exodus 25:10-22

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In this sermon, we studied the ark of the covenant located in the back room of the tabernacle. We learned that God manifested Himself visibly in a ball of smoke above the ark. We then explored the question of why God doesn't manifest Himself visibly today.

Kicking It Off: In his sermon introduction, Jeff confessed that he still plays his music CDs. Are there any ways that you are still "low tech"? Time to confess!

Discussion:

1. Reread the following two verses:

- *Leviticus 16:2 (NIV)* "I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover."
- *Numbers 7:89 (NLT)* Whenever Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim on the Ark's cover.

How would you have felt about the opportunity to go into "The Most Holy Place" and appear before the ark of the covenant?

2. Reread *Exodus 32:7-8 (NIV)* The Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away and have made themselves an idol."

Can you remember some of the miracles involved in getting the Hebrews "out of Egypt"? After seeing those miraculous demonstrations of God's power, why were they "quick to turn away"?

3. Jeff made the statement: "God is not interested in more people believing He exists. He wants more people who love Him." Do you agree with this statement? Why do you agree or disagree?
4. Reread the story Jesus told about a man in hell asking Abraham to shock his family into repentance by showing them a resurrection. *Luke 16:30-31 (NLT)* The man said, "If someone is sent to them from the dead, they will repent of their sins and turn to God." Abraham said, "If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead."

What do these verses tell us about God's approach to providing evidence of His reality.

5. Reread *Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)* "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

What are some ways that we can "seek God"?

Wrapping Up: Spend some time in prayer regarding two things:

- Express your commitment to prioritize "seeking His face."
- Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you in precisely the way He desires.