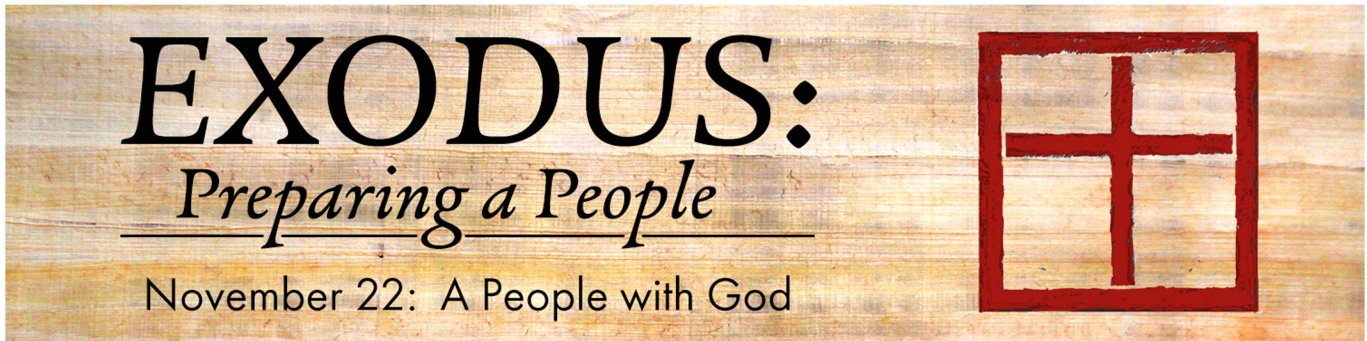




REFLECTION GUIDE

Week of November 22, 2015

A People with God



This Sunday, Pastor Corey Widmer finished our series in Exodus by addressing God's presence in the story of the Tabernacle and the ways that this story relates to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

READ

Exodus 40: 1-2, 12-17, 33-38

REFLECT

1. Corey talked about the problem of our separation from God's presence throughout the Bible. Have you felt that separation? He said this separation pops up in Exodus in forms like suffering and sin. How do these manifest in your life?
2. What does the contrast between the desolation and restoration of God's presence make you think of? How might this change your perspective? How could it impact the way you interact with others?
3. Corey spoke of the tabernacle as it relates to the Gospel. Why do you think God restored His presence in Exodus? Do you think it significant that God continually has worked to restore that relationship? How so?

PRAY

- + Confess to God the ways in which we are separated from God - both by our choices and our nature.
- + Thank God for His presence and constant work to reunite us to Himself.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Corey quoted John Stott by explaining sinful nature as "people who were made by God, like God, for God, and to be with God, choosing to live without God." Work on some practical precautions to keep you from voluntarily living apart from God. When do you shut God out of your life? What can you do to prevent it?
- + Think about the importance of the tabernacle as it applies to your life, your relationship with God, and the role of Third in Richmond. Work on what each aspect would look like if our actions derived from God's presence rather than our own inclinations.