Sermon: The Tabernacle: A Picture of Heaven on Earth.

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OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

Scripture: Exodus 26.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) In what ways is the Tabernacle a picture of God's humility? God's holiness?
- b) To what degree do you live in awe of God? Or...in what ways have you trivialized God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) At the Tabernacle God prescribed veils or curtains to keep the people separated from his presence. What veils do you tend to build between yourself and God? Think about how your sin and suffering have become veils between you and God. How does Matthew 27:51 encourage you?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read John 14:1-3. How does this promise from Jesus compare to the building of the Tabernacle? How does it contrast with the Tabernacle (how is it different)?
- b) Read Revelation 21:1-4. This is the fulfillment of the Tabernacle God with man in the New Jerusalem. How does this vision of your future with God change your perspective on your suffering and sadness?

APPLICATION

- a) Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 6:16. How would your life change if you fully believed that you are the dwelling place of God? Be specific.
- b) How can you use your earthly house to advance the kingdom of God on Earth?

FIGHTER VERSES: Hebrews 9:27-28.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his desire to dwell among his people.
- Confess ways that you have failed to live in awe of God.
- Thank Jesus for removing the veil of separation between you and God.
- Ask God to help you live as his dwelling on earth.