

1. In Exodus 35:30-35, what do we learn about God's calling of Bezalel? (See also Ex. 31:1-6.) How does God equip him for his task? How do you recognize the gifts God has given you? In what ways can you use your skills for the building up of God's people? (See 1 Cor. 12:4-11; James 1:17.)
2. In 36:3-7, we read of how the Israelites give so generously that Moses had to order them to stop giving as "the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more" (vs. 7). What motivates their giving? (See 35:21-22.) Is your service and giving motivated by obligation or gratitude? What would the generosity "of a willing heart" look like in your life right now?
3. Throughout this entire long passage that Todd preached on Sunday, the phrase "as the LORD commanded Moses" is repeated (eight times by my count in chapter 39). Why is this emphasis significant? (See Ex. 25:9, 40.) How did Todd connect this passage to the creation account?
4. The tabernacle furnishings and priestly garments (Ex. 36-39) are crafted with skill, beauty, and costly materials. What does this teach us about God and worship? (See Ps. 96:6-9.) How can you pursue excellence in your service to God? (See Col. 3:23-24.)

Extra Credit: Why is it that the LORD gives such detailed instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings? What is so important about the details of this space? In considering your answer, consider the connection of the tabernacle, looking backward, to Eden, and looking upward, to heaven. Note that the ark, too, was a special space the details for whose construction were given very specifically. How is the ark similar to the tabernacle in connection to creation and Eden and heaven?)