

The Gospel Project for Adults, Winter 2018-2019  
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Unit 6, Session 2

**Introduction:** *Augment the session's content with experiential learning.*

Begin by saying something like the following: "In this session we will discuss the construction of the tabernacle, God's place of dwelling among his people."

Display a few pictures of the tabernacle in order to show the complexity and function of each area. You can use the image from the article "What Does the Tabernacle Symbolize?": <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/what-does-the-tabernacle-symbolize/>

[Note: If pictures are not enough, set up your group space as a tabernacle and label the areas for people to experience walking into the tabernacle.]

**Point 1:** *Engage the group by encouraging them to consider the theme.*

In Exodus 36:2-7 we see Israel's response to the command to give in order to provide the resources for the tabernacle. God's moving in the heart of the people caused them to give in abundance and the need was met.

Put the following into your own words: "Israel was called to give in order for God's presence to be known. Let's look at what that means in this passage."

Break up people into smaller groups of three and ask them to read Exodus 36:2-7 amongst themselves. Instruct each group to discuss what was taking place in this passage. Give each group an 3-by-5-inch card with the following questions:

- What does this passage teach us about giving?
- Was there anything surprising about the passage and the way the people gave?

After a few minutes reconvene as a larger group and allow a few people to share about what they discussed in their groups.

**Point 3: *Encourage the group to experience God's presence.***

On page 145, the Leader Guide instructs us to read the third paragraph in the DDG (p. 115) in order to show how Jesus is the fulfillment of the tabernacle:

The tabernacle, however, was temporary, a sign to be fulfilled in Jesus, the Son of God who took on flesh and “tabernacled” among us in glory (John 1:14). Those who believe in him for salvation from sin receive the Spirit of Christ to dwell within them to teach them to love the Lord, trust Him, and obey Him (Rom. 8:9). As we grow in depending on God’s Spirit, we learn that being near Him changes us from the inside out.

After reading this portion of the session, place a tear sheet with these passages on a focal wall:

- Acts 17:28
- Exodus 33:14
- Psalm 16:11
- Jeremiah 29:13
- 1 John 4:12
- John 15:9
- Matthew 5:8

Then say something like the following: “Today we will close the session by giving time and space to experience God’s presence. Because we live in a hectic world and have busy lives, we often don’t make time to listen to God. So, now as we end this session, we will take five minutes to pray and seek the Lord. This exercise will allow time to write a prayer, read the passages listed on the tear sheet, or sit still in God’s presence. When the five minutes is over we will close in prayer.”

Let group members know after the prayer to leave quietly and carry their discussions outside of the room. This will give those who need or want more time an opportunity to continue to seek the Lord.