



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 28

Dressed to Meet God

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Before hearing this sermon, how familiar were you with the priestly garments described in Exodus 28? What stood out to you most about these detailed instructions?

The pastor mentioned that "the clothes you wear indicate something about you." How does this everyday observation help us understand the significance of Aaron's priestly garments?

God's Glory in Our Lives

1. The sermon highlighted three ways God is glorified: in heartbreak, in excellence, and in work. Which of these resonated most with you personally? Why?
2. In heartbreak: How have you seen God work through seasons of heartbreak in your own life or in someone close to you? What does it mean practically to "go to the cross of Jesus" with our heartbreak?
3. In excellence: What does pursuing excellence "for glory and for beauty" look like in your daily work, relationships, or service to others? How is this different from perfectionism or people-pleasing?
4. In work: How does it change your perspective to know that the first people filled with the Spirit in Scripture were craftsmen doing manual labor? How can you view your current work—whether paid employment, homemaking, or volunteer service—as sacred?

Christ Our High Priest

1. The sermon identified six things we have in Christ through the priestly garments:
 - a. An Intercessor (shoulder stones)
 - b. A Burden Bearer (carrying our names)
 - c. A Redeemer (individual stones)
 - d. A Guide (Urim and Thummim)
 - e. Hope (bells on the robe)
 - f. An Advocate (golden plate)

Which of these aspects of Christ's work means the most to you right now? Why?

2. What does it mean that Christ carries your individual name before God's throne? How does this truth combat feelings of being unknown, overlooked, or insignificant?

Making Decisions with Christ as Our Guide

1. The pastor offered four ways to seek God's direction when making decisions:
 - a. Saturate your heart with Scripture
 - b. Seek counsel from the church
 - c. Trust God's providence in circumstances
 - d. Act with confidence in God's safety net

Which of these do you tend to rely on most? Which do you need to develop more intentionally?

2. Have you experienced a time when a "bad decision" was later revealed to be part of God's good work in your life? How does this encourage you to make decisions with confidence?

Personal Application

1. The sermon's central message is: "When you put on Christ, you are received by God." For those who have trusted Christ, how does knowing you are fully received by God—not based on your performance but on Christ's righteousness—change how you approach worship? How you face tomorrow?
2. The bells on Aaron's robe were there "so that he does not die" when entering God's presence. How should the holiness of God shape our reverence in worship while also deepening our gratitude for Christ who has made us acceptable?
3. The golden plate read "Holy to the Lord." The pastor urged us to "look away from yourself and your 10,000 failures and fix your eyes on...the righteousness of Jesus."

What specific failures or sins do you need to stop looking at and instead bring to the cross of Christ?

Closing Questions

1. How has this passage changed your understanding of Old Testament passages that seem detailed or difficult to understand? What does it teach us about how all of Scripture points to Jesus?
2. What is one specific way you will live differently this week because of what you've learned about being "clothed in Christ"?