Sermon Discussion Questions
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Exodus 38
One Last Look at the Tabernacle
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1. The sermon described the bronze altar as a vivid reminder of the seriousness of sin. How does seeing sin as rebellion against God's authority, rather than just a mistake or flaw, change the way you view your need for Jesus?

2. Pastor stated, “Every bit of Scripture points to Christ.” Reflect on how the construction and function of the tabernacle’s altar, basin, and courtyard ultimately point beyond themselves to the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Where do you see connections between Exodus 38 and the gospel?

3. Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” In what ways does justification by faith confront our tendency to earn God’s favor, and how does this foundation bring true peace?

4. In the message, the basin illustrated ongoing cleansing—sanctification—in the life of a believer. What are some practical ways God continues to sanctify us through His Word, prayer, fellowship, and even hardship?

5. The pastor highlighted that “hard things” in our lives—illness, tragedy, loneliness—can be used by God to sanctify us. Share a time when a difficult experience revealed your need for God or drew you closer to Him.

6. Exodus 38:8 mentions the women who gave their mirrors for the basin. What does their example teach us about surrendering things we may value for the sake of God’s mission? How might God be inviting you to use your gifts or resources for His purposes?

7. The courtyard set a clear boundary between those inside and those outside God's presence. How do the boundaries of the tabernacle reflect the invitation and challenge of entering into relationship with God through Christ?

8. The sermon called listeners to stop grounding their identity in “appearance, relationships, or achievements” and instead find their “identity, hope, purpose, place, and way in Christ.” Which of these alternatives most tempts you, and why is identity in Christ more secure?

9. 1 Corinthians 6:11 reminds us, “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” How does this threefold work of God shape your understanding of belonging in the church community?

10. Looking back on the key elements of the tabernacle, how can the rhythms of worship, confession, and service help anchor your life in Christ in a practical way this week?