Sermon Discussion Questions
November 8, 2026
Exodus 39
"A Received Lived Gospel"
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1. The sermon highlighted how Aaron, despite his failure and sin (especially in Exodus 32), was still chosen and clothed as high priest. How does Aaron's story help us understand the nature of God's mercy toward us in Christ?

2. Exodus 39 describes the priestly garments—ephod, stones of remembrance, breastpiece, robe, bells, and the plate inscribed "Holy to the Lord." Which of these details stood out to you, and how do they foreshadow Jesus Christ's work as our High Priest?

3. Pastor Clint said, "Aaron had no righteousness of his own. He needed holiness put on him." How does this truth reshape the way we think about our own need for the righteousness of Christ? Why is it important to recognize that even our best is not enough before God?

4. The sermon described Christ's intercession (carrying our names before God, as pictured by the stones on the ephod and breastpiece). What does it mean to you personally that Christ is interceding for you right now? How might this encourage your prayer life or sense of security?

5. One application was: "God's mercy makes us merciful." Can you share a recent example where experiencing God's mercy encouraged you to extend mercy to someone else?

6. Verses 42–43 show the people finally doing what the Lord commanded, and Moses blesses them. What do these verses teach us about the relationship between obedience, blessing, and assurance in the Christian life?

7. The sermon pressed on "indicators" of genuine faith—humility, gratitude, prayerfulness, and growing mercy toward others. Which of these do you see God developing in your life? Which do you feel prompted to grow in? Why?

8. Reflect on this quote from the sermon: "To be acceptable to God, we must be covered in the righteousness of Jesus." How does this challenge popular ideas about what makes someone "good" or "acceptable" in society—or even in the church?

9. The robe's bells and pomegranates reminded the people of the reverence required to approach God's holiness. How does understanding the seriousness of God's holiness deepen your gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and advocacy?

10. Having walked through this passage, how might you summarize the "gospel lived" (as opposed to just received)? How should the mercy, intercession, and righteousness of Christ change the way we live this week?