



# EXODUS

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## INTRO

Go around and ask how people feel about instruction manuals. Are you more likely or less likely to read them? Why?

## DISCUSSION

1. In the Old Testament, the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer has not happened yet. (This happens in the book of Acts, at Pentecost.) In the Old Testament, God fills individuals with His Holy Spirit at particular moments, for particular tasks. This is the first instance of such a filling. Why has God filled Bezalel with His Spirit for this seemingly mundane task of executing the building of the tabernacle?

2. What do you make of the phrase in verse 11: “make them according to all that I have commanded you.” This is similar to statements made frequently in the giving of the instructions for the tabernacle. (see Ex 25:9, Ex 25:40, Ex 26:30 as examples)

3. In verse 6, it says “in the hearts of all who are skillful, I have put skill”. (NASB) What do you make of this statement? What does this say about where the skill came from? Why has God engaged those with skills for this job? And what does this say about God’s use of our particular gifts?

4. Verse 3b and 4a says that God filled Bezalel with “all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs…” What is the purpose of the “artistic designs” in the tabernacle?

## BONUS

If you’d like, show this short video to your group (note—it was made by a camp/retreat center in Texas, on the occasion of the retirement of a long-time employee. He shares about his experience working for Howard and Barbara Dan Butt, who ran the camp, Laity Lodge, in central Texas. Howard’s family is the founder of the Texas grocery store HEB.)

“Excellence in the Canyon”: [CLICK HERE](#)

Q: What are some ways that attention to details has made a difference in some aspect of your life? How can this kind of attentiveness in our own spiritual/devotional rhythms make a difference in our personal spiritual formation?

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