

EXODUS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | June 30, 2024

INTRO

Share a time when you were muddier (or dirtier) than you've ever been? Mud fight?
Food fight?

DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Mike uses the image of muddy water settling in a jar as a metaphor for quieting one's mind. What practices do you use to "let things settle" in your own life? How might incorporating more silence and reflection impact your relationship with God?
2. Mike has repeatedly shared how Exodus points to Jesus. Can you think of other Old Testament stories or figures that foreshadow Christ? How does seeing these connections enrich your understanding of the Bible as a whole?
3. Mike describes the tabernacle as "the building God has agreed to come and occupy." How does this idea of God's dwelling among His people evolve throughout Scripture, culminating in Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?
4. Reflect as a group on C.S. Lewis' quote. "Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."
5. Reflect on the entire series over the past year. What lessons have you learned? What will you take with you?

