

4. What does this passage communicate is the purpose of Bezalel being filled with the Spirit of God?

5. Bezalel is a simple artisan worker. Yet, his craftsmanship creates a place where people can meet God and see His glory. Look at yourself. What gifts do you have that God is using to make a place where people can meet God and see His glory? Are there gifts that you have that you haven't used yet? If not, what are they and why have you not used them?

6. Write a prayer asking for God to show you how you can be used by Him to create environments in which other people can meet God and see His glory?



Exodus 31:1-11

31 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. 6 And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: 7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, 8 the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, 9 and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, 10 and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, 11 and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do

Day 1

1. Read Exodus 31:1-11 and
 - a. Identify who is in this passage.
 - b. Observe what is taking place by writing notes in the margin.
 - c. Observe where the events are taking place.
 - d. Mark time related words.
 - e. Write any questions that come to mind in the margins.

Day 2

1. This text is discussing the tabernacle, which is another name for a tent or shelter. Read Exodus 40:34-38. How is God planning on using the tent of meeting in the future?
2. Once the people are in the promised land, David and Solomon decide to build a Temple. Read II Chronicles 7:1-3. This passage is describing Solomon dedicating the Temple following its construction. Compare God's use of the tabernacle in Exodus 40 and what is going on in this passage from II Chronicles 7?
3. In Jewish history, we start with the tabernacle as God's residence. We then move to Solomon's Temple, which is destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. The second Temple gets built and is then renovated by Herod the Great. This Temple is the one that Jesus steps into in our following passage. Read John 2:18-22. What is the Temple that Jesus is referencing in verse 19? Why would Jesus say that his body is a Temple?

4. So we see from these passages that the tabernacle and then the Temple were places where the glory of God dwelt with His people. John 1:14 states, "And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." Jesus is thought of by John as the new Temple. Jesus is now in heaven interceding for us. Therefore, where is the location where God will show His glory to the people of the world?

Day 3

1. In Exodus 31, God is quite active. Please list all the things that God is or has done in this passage.
2. Re-read verse 6, why is God doing all the activity that you listed in question above?
3. Bezalel is describe as being "filled with the Spirit of God", what do you think it means to be filled with the Spirit of God?