THROUGH THE TORN CURTAIN
HEBREWS 10:19-25; EXODUS 25:8-9
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Why the Tabernacle?

The whole Tabernacle answers one question: How can a holy God _____ with sinful people?

The Sacrificial System & The Day of Atonement

Access to God's presence has always come by _____, not by performance.

The Fulfillment

Jesus didn't just show us the way into God's presence. His torn _____ is the way in.

The ceremonies have ended, but their substance _____ for us in Jesus Christ.

The Invitation

We don't climb our way into God's presence. We _____ Jesus through the curtain that's already been torn.

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY & REFLECTION:

1. God's desire from Genesis to Revelation has been to dwell with His people. How does seeing the whole Bible as the story of God coming near change how you read it? How does it change the way you think about Sunday worship?

2. God's nearness was dangerous to Israel, "not because He's cruel, but because He's holy and they're not." Why do you think we so easily lose sight of God's holiness? What do we miss about grace when we forget how holy He is?

3. Behind the veil, the high priest didn't sing, preach, or list what he'd done right. He brought incense and blood. What does that tell us about how sinful people approach a holy God?

4. Do you tend to come to God feeling like you've had a "solid week," or feeling like you need to "clean yourself up first"? Why are both of these actually the same mistake?

5. The Day of Atonement was real grace, but every lamb and goat was a placeholder. How does knowing what came before help you appreciate what Jesus did "once for all"?

6. The priests never sat down because their work was never finished. Jesus sat down because His was. Where in your life are you still "standing at your post," acting as if you have to keep earning what Jesus has already finished?

7. Hebrews says the curtain is Jesus' flesh. Jesus didn't just show us the way into God's presence; His torn body is the way in. How does that shape the way you come to the Lord's Table?

8. Language that once belonged only to priests ("sprinkled," "washed") now belongs to everyone who trusts in Jesus. Is there anywhere you still feel like you're "standing outside the linen fence"? What would it look like to believe you're invited all the way in?

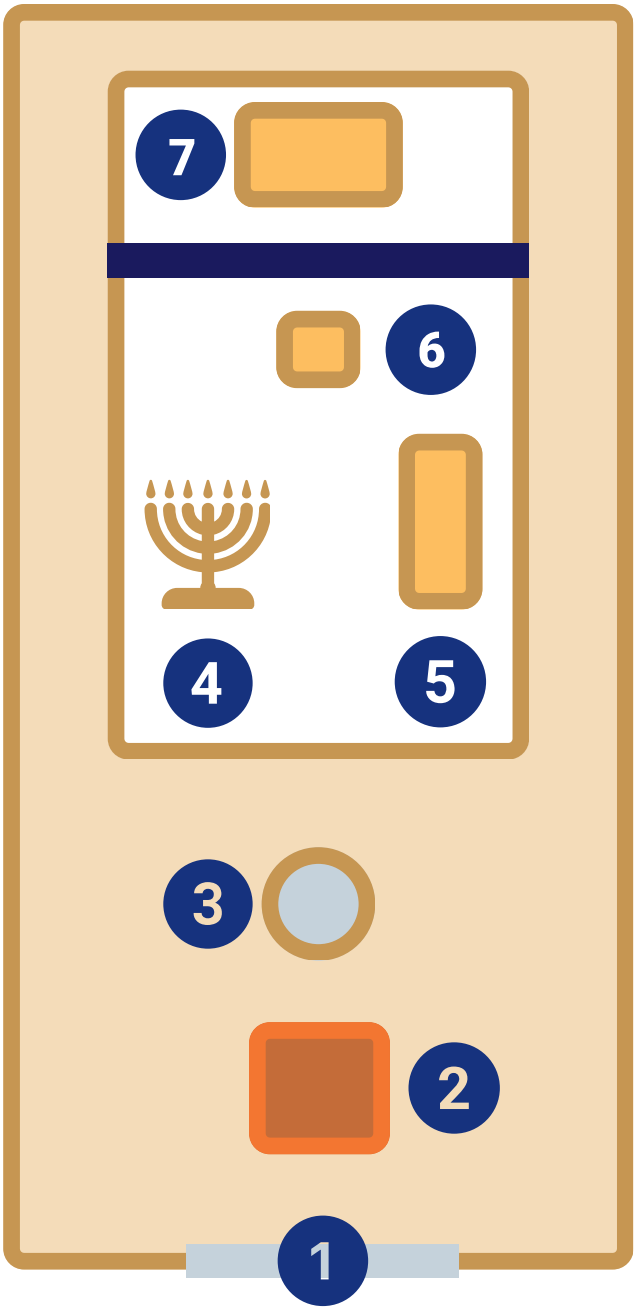
9. Hebrews 10:23 says to hold fast "for he who promised is faithful." The weight rests on God's faithfulness, not on how tightly we hold on. Why is that good news in a season when your faith feels weak?

10. Our worship follows the shape of the Tabernacle, but "the gate isn't a turnstile, and the map isn't a checklist." How might seeing our Sunday pattern as a path Jesus has already walked change how you worship this week? How could you help "stir up" someone else in it (10:24–25)?

A Walk Through the Tabernacle

Every Sunday, our worship follows this path.

1. The Gate
2. The Bronze Altar
3. The Basin
4. The Lampstand
5. The Table
6. The Altar of Incense
7. The Most Holy Place



Jesus walked the whole way for us.
Turn over to follow along!

Where Are We Now?

Follow the numbers through our worship.



1. **The Gate** - We come in with thanks and praise. ***Jesus is the way in.***



2. **The Bronze Altar** - We confess our sins and offer Him our Lives. ***Jesus died in our place.***



3. **The Basin** - We listen to God's Word. ***Jesus makes us clean.***



4. **The Lampstand** - We worship in his light. ***Jesus is the light of the world.***



5. **The Table** - We remember Jesus at His Table. ***Jesus is the bread of life.***



6. **The Altar of Incense** - We pray for each other. ***Jesus prays for us too!***



7. **The Most Holy Place** - We worship in God's presence. ***Jesus opened the way in!***