

Taking it Home:

- Today, God's dream for His people is to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20). How can you embrace giving to God's dream of making disciples in a way that moves beyond *duty* or *obligation* toward giving *eagerly*, *cheerfully*, and *enthusiastically*?
- Though you probably had heard the name "Moses," before today you probably didn't know the name "Oholiab" or "Bezalel." God's pattern is to always use normal people to accomplish extraordinary things. Pray for God to give you wisdom and help you stay the course so that you accomplish His dreams.
- How has God uniquely gifted you with passions, skills, desires, talents, and spiritual gifts for the work He is calling you to? If you have trouble answering the last question, read Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians 12, and Romans 12 then talk to a trusted friend about how God may use you to accomplish His dream for you to ***make disciples***.

Resources for Growing:

Radical by David Platt

Let the Nations be Glad by John Piper

Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew's sermon points, visit pastormatthew.net and click on the "Write This Down" tab.

Momentum
The Church is Gaining Momentum
Exodus 36:1-7

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Notes:

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of December 5, 2010

Exodus 36: 1-7

Quick Review: Exodus 36 opens with an exciting story where we see God's dream for his people being realized as they build the Tabernacle. The people of God were passionate about the dwelling place of God because the Tabernacle affirmed God's glory manifested in their midst. Moses communicated the dream in chapter 35 and the people respond in chapter 36 with abundant generosity.

My Story

- Share with your group at time when you gave money or time toward a cause that resulted in success and celebration. What was that experience like for you?

- If you were asked by a stranger on the street, "What is God's dream for His people today?" how would you answer?

Growing Deeper

- The people of Israel respond in a variety of ways (35:20-29) after receiving instruction from Moses (35:4-19). Notice especially the summarizing statement in 35:29. Try to paraphrase this activity in your own words. What do you notice about the heart of the people in 35:29?

- In 35:30-36:1, God raised up several skilled craftsmen to build the Tabernacle. What do you observe about these men who are named in this passage? From where does their skill, talent, and expertise come?

- Imagine what it must have been like in 36:5 if you were standing in the sandals of Oholiab or Bezalel. What emotions come to mind as you discover that there is an abundance of materials? Don't miss the implication in this passage about the character and nature of God (36:5-7).

- We learn in John 4:23-24; Ephesians 1:13; 2:11-22; 1 Timothy 3; 1 Peter 2; and Romans 8 that the dwelling place of God is no longer the Tabernacle but is now all who trust Christ. How does knowing the Holy Spirit resides within you, empower you to embrace God's unique purpose and vision for your life?