THE GLORY OF CHRIST REPRESENTED IN THE TABERNACLE

"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of His treasure what is new and what is old." Matthew 13:52

Why Christians need to study about, and be knowledgeable of, the tabernacle and its ministries:

- It is necessary for a proper understanding of God's redemptive program, which is progressively revealed throughout scripture.
- An understanding of the tabernacle informs sinful people about the holiness of God.
- It demonstrates how a holy God can rightly manifest His grace and mercy to a sinful people.
- It is foundational to an understanding of Christ's fulfillment of God's redemptive program.

The gate: only one way by grace

Response questions:

- 1. When and how did Jesus invite you to enter in?
- 2. Who have you told your story to? Would you like to tell it now?
- 3. Why is it important to repeat this story?

The jar of manna: God's provision

Response questions:

- 1. How can we recognize more of God's provision in our lives?
- 2. Give an example of how God provided in a particular situation in your life.

The table of showbread: symbolizing God's people and the blessing of giving

Response questions:

- 1. How can we pray for God's spiritual provision for other believers?
- 2. How can we demonstrate giving to the LORD besides a monetary gift?

The lampstand: to provide light

Response questions:

- 1. What does the light of Christ do for His followers?
- 2. How can we pray for those living in darkness?

The brazen altar: a symbol of justification

Response questions:

- 1. How can we express gratitude for Christ's work on the cross?
- 2. How do our lives reflect a restored relationship with God?

The brazen laver: a symbol of sanctification

Response questions:

- 1. What keeps us from daily confession/cleansing?
- 2. How does God's Word sanctify us?
- 3. What else does God use to sanctify us?

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