

Letting God Help Me Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. It seems like at some point everyone needs God help. Share with your group why you agree or disagree with this statement.
3. What might be some reasons why people fail to experience God's help in their lives? What are some reasons you have failed to experience God's help in your life?
4. Pastor talked about how real transformation begins with a relationship with God. Why a relationship with God necessary?
5. Romans 12:1 is urging follower of Jesus to make sacrifices because of all that he has done. What are some of the things that God has done in your life?
6. We are encouraged to give our bodies as living sacrifices. What are some specific types of sacrifices that we can make in applying this truth in our lives?
7. Pastor shared how the first part of the Tabernacle served the purpose of cleansing the worshipper from sin. How could we apply this truth in our relationship with God?
8. Was there anything about the "brazen alter" that stood out to you from the insights that Pastor shared?
9. How does having a relationship with God help us to make those sacrifices necessary to grow?
10. If you are comfortable, share with your group one area that they can pray for God's transformation in your life.

Digging Deeper

11. What was one take away from this week's sermon that you will work on this week?

Letting God Help Me Series: Transformed

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"So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 NLT

God's Help Begins with a _____

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you."
Romans 12:1a NLT

No Way to Get to God on My Own

"as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God." Romans 3:10-11 ESV

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
Romans 3:23 ESV

Only God Can Remove the Sin Barrier

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 ESV

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV

My Personal Response Restores My Relationship With God

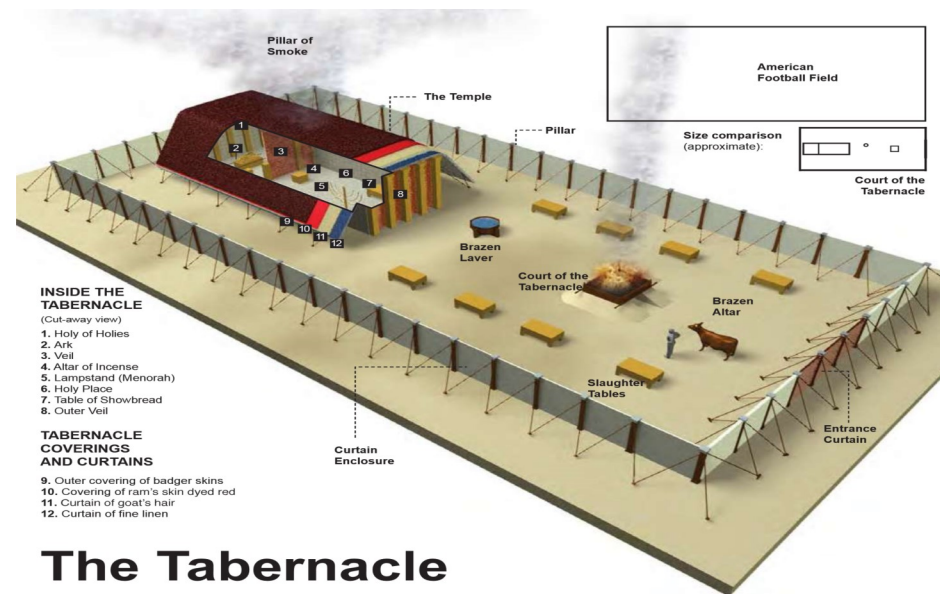
"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”
Romans 10:9–10 ESV

“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.””
Romans 10:13 ESV

Life Transformation Requires _____

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual (logical) worship.”
Romans 12:1 ESV



The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the ark of the covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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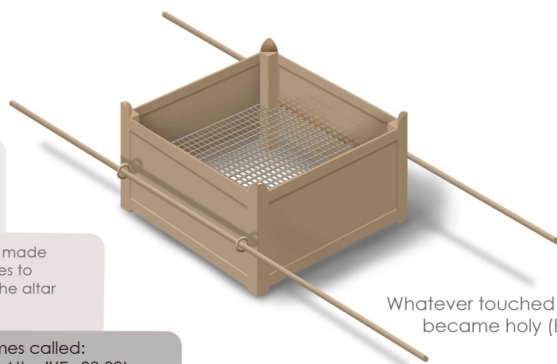
Altar of Burnt Offering

Made of acacia wood with bronze overlay; 7.5 ft square, 4.5 ft high (Ex 27:1).

The fire of the altar was to be kept burning at all times (Lev 6:13).

The Israelites made daily sacrifices to Yahweh on the altar (Ex 29:38).

Sometimes called:
 "Brazen Altar," (Ex 39:39)
 "The Altar of God" (Ps 43:4)
 "Altar of the Lord," (Mal 2:13).



Whatever touched the altar became holy (Ex 29:37).

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“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”
Romans 12:1 NLT