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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Tabernacle: Conclusion - The Way to God

Use with the full teaching and a Bible. Read or watch first, complete the questions, then discuss and apply. For family study, an adult can select suitable portions and accept spoken answers.

Test the teaching's explanations against the cited passages. Keep the answer key and facilitator notes separate when distributing learner pages.

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Teaching summary

The concluding lesson follows a symbolic journey through the Tabernacle, from separation caused by sin to life with YHWH. Yeshua makes this journey possible. The order of the furnishings illustrates the teaching's message; it is not a new sequence of rites by which we earn salvation.

At the altar, the teaching connects sacrifice with repentance, reconciliation, self-giving, and Yeshua's atonement. The laver illustrates dedication and continued cleansing. Water baptism is strongly encouraged as an outward proclamation of faith and repentance; it does not produce forgiveness and is not a salvation requirement.

The tent illustrates our mortal bodies as dwellings for God's Spirit, and the joined curtains picture unity in love. The menorah illustrates Spirit-enabled good works, the bread teaches trust and rest in God's provision, and the incense altar pictures prayers that entrust judgment to YHWH.

The lesson then turns to Revelation. It reads the Lamb, throne, incense, opened temple, and covenant imagery alongside the Day of Atonement. These connections form the ministry's interpretation of Revelation's sanctuary symbolism; the vision does not explicitly identify its sealed scroll as the covenant tablets.

Yeshua is the worthy Lamb and the heavenly High Priest. His sacrifice is once for all, and he appears before God on our behalf. We can draw near through him now while awaiting the full, face-to-face life pictured at the journey's end.

The journey ends in the new creation: YHWH dwells with his people, death and sorrow are gone, and the city has no temple because God and the Lamb are its temple. We respond with faithful service, patient hope, love, and trust in the one who invites us to receive the water of life freely.

Summary points

- Yeshua makes the whole journey toward the Father possible.
- The altar illustrates repentance, reconciliation, dedication, and atonement.
- The laver illustrates dedication and ongoing cleansing by God's word.
- Our mortal lives are to serve God's holy purposes.
- Love joins God's people in unity and mutual care.
- Good works shine light that brings glory to the Father.
- The bread and incense illustrate trust in God's provision and justice.
- The teaching reads Revelation through Day of Atonement parallels.

- Messiah's once-for-all sacrifice grounds our confidence.
- The new creation brings life in God's presence without death.

Fill in the blank

Use the teaching and the cited Bible passages. Equivalent wording is welcome when it expresses the same meaning.

Basic

1. Yeshua identifies himself as the way, the truth, and the _____.
2. The first furnishing in the teaching's symbolic journey is the altar of _____.
3. The teaching connects the laver with dedication and continued _____.
4. The joined curtains illustrate the _____ of God's people.
5. The menorah's light is applied to our good _____.
6. The incense altar represents the _____ we bring to God.

Challenging

1. Hebrews urges believers to go on from elementary instruction to _____.
2. The table's provision teaches us to seek God's _____ first.
3. The teaching compares Revelation's sanctuary imagery with the Day of _____.
4. In Revelation 5, the scroll is sealed with _____ seals.
5. Hebrews says Messiah appeared once for all to put away sin by the sacrifice of _____.
6. In the new Jerusalem, God and the Lamb are its _____.

Group discussion

Discuss respectfully and support answers from the passages. Use these lines for brief notes or a notebook for longer responses.

1. Why must Yeshua remain central when we describe the journey through the Tabernacle?

2. How does the laver illustration encourage both dedication and daily growth?

3. What does movement into the tent illustrate about growing maturity?

4. Which Day of Atonement parallels does the teaching identify in Revelation, and which conclusions are interpretive?

5. How can we distinguish present access through Messiah from the final face-to-face hope?

6. What response does the final invitation call for in our lives together?

Answer key

For the leader or parent. Answers follow the teaching and the passages. Accept equivalent wording that expresses the same meaning.

Basic

1. life

John 14:6

2. sacrifice

Conclusion, The Journey Through the Tabernacle

3. cleansing

Conclusion, laver review

4. unity

1 Peter 3:8-9; Conclusion, curtains review

5. works

Matthew 5:14-16

6. prayers

Revelation 5:8

Challenging

1. maturity

Hebrews 6:1-2

2. kingdom

Matthew 6:31-33

3. Atonement

Leviticus 16; Conclusion, Revelation section

4. seven (also: 7)

Revelation 5:1

5. himself

Hebrews 9:26

6. temple

Revelation 21:22

Facilitator notes

These responses give direction for discussion. They are not a test of identical wording. Invite participants to explain the passages and consider a faithful practical response.

1. The journey begins and ends with what Yeshua does for us. Repentance, dedication, and good works respond to his saving work; they do not purchase access to the Father. His once-for-all sacrifice grounds the whole picture.

John 14:6; Hebrews 9:24-28

2. The teaching connects initial washing with dedication and repeated hand-and-foot washing with ongoing self-examination. We continue turning from sin. Water baptism publicly expresses this commitment, but the water does not forgive sins or earn salvation.

Conclusion, laver review; Acts 10:44-48; Ephesians 2:8-10

3. Maturity includes holiness, unity, helpful good works, trust in God's provision, and prayer. We move beyond merely learning beginnings toward a life of love and faithful service, depending on God throughout.

Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-12; Matthew 5:14-16

4. It compares the throne with the Ark, incense with prayer, and the Lamb's appearance with high-priestly access. Calling the scroll the sealed covenant testimony is the teaching's interpretation; Revelation itself describes a sealed scroll without that identification.

Leviticus 16; Revelation 5:1-8; 11:19

5. Yeshua already appears before God on our behalf, and our hope enters behind the curtain through him. The lesson's final destination pictures the future removal of death and sorrow and seeing God's face. These are related but distinct realities.

Hebrews 6:19-20; 9:24; Revelation 21:4; 22:4

6. We can renew repentance, practice reconciliation, serve one another, pray rather than take revenge, and persevere in hope. The water of life is offered freely; our faithful response rests on Yeshua's invitation and work.

Revelation 22:12-17; Hebrews 6:9-12

Facilitator reminders

Treat the journey as the teaching's extended analogy, not a checklist that earns salvation. Keep water baptism strongly encouraged without making it a salvation requirement.

Put it into practice

Choose one response to the passages. What will we do, and when will we revisit it? Share only what you are comfortable sharing.