

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
God with Us - Exodus 25-31

1. Can God live with people? Why/Why not?

Read Exodus 25:1-9

2. What and why are the people to contribute to 'the sanctuary'?
3. What is a sanctuary and why does God want Israel to build him one?
4. If the people are sinful, why does God want to 'dwell with them'?

Read Exodus 25:10-22

5. What is the purpose of the ark of the Covenant? What does it mean that God will meet with them above the mercy seat of the ark? What does this have to do with the testimony (v16) or covenant that the ark contains?
6. What's the relationship between Gods presence and God's word? How might that help us understand God's presence in our lives?

Scan... Exodus 25:23-31:11

7. What else does God ask them to make?
8. If the tabernacle (all this stuff together) is all about God being 'with' the people, how come it is so restrictive? Why so many walls and barriers?

Read Hebrews 9:21-28

9. What does Hebrews think the tabernacle is all about? (v23)
10. How can all this gold and building work be a copy of something in heaven?
11. Why is it good for Israel to have God in their midst?
12. Why is it good for you to have a dangerous and powerful God living with you? What are the risks?

Read Revelation 21:1-8

13. How is this picture similar and different?