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Speaker: Rob Davis **Series:** God With Us **Passage:** Exodus 35:4-40:38

Community Group Questions: "A Glorious Obedience"

1. We see in Exodus chapters 39 and 40 the refrain, "as the Lord commanded Moses" seventeen different times before we come to Exodus 40:34 and the word "then." What connection can we make from the text between the obedience of Moses and the inhabiting glory of the Lord?

2. In Exodus 40 verses 34, 35, and 38, we are reminded that the glory of the Lord indwelt the temple, a similar picture of what happens when we come to faith in Christ. The new testament picture of the believer is that we are the modern tabernacle for the glory of God (see 2 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 2:22). Has disobedience in some area of your life diminished the glory of God? What areas of obedience in your life can you identify as evidence of faith in Jesus (in other words, what do you do differently than you would if you didn't know Christ?)

3. Exodus 40 verse 35 speaks of the radiant, abundant glory of the Lord. So radiant and abundant that not even Moses could enter the tabernacle. We can draw an important parallel to say that when we are filled with the glory of the Lord, we are filled to overflowing, and others around us begin to notice (see Matthew 5:14, 16). In this regard, practical obedience in our lives becomes an evangelistic tool. Is this true in your life? Has obedience in some area of your life opened up an unexpected opportunity to share Christ?

4. Exodus 40 verse 36 reminds us that God's glory would become a guide for the Israelites throughout all their journeys. This same promise is true today for those who have come to faith in Christ (see John 14:16-17 & 1 Corinthians 3:16). Do you sense the Lord's guiding presence in your life? If not, has disobedience in some area made it difficult for you to identify the Lord's guidance?

5. This message wrapped up our 11-month series through the book of Exodus. As you consider the story of Exodus and the Israelites, what has particularly resonated with your heart? What have you discovered about yourself as a result of this series? What have you discovered about God as a result of this series? How will you live differently as a result of this series?