Giving for the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:4-35)

Weekly Assignments:
- Lead Prayer Time:
- Tell the Story (Paraphrase):
- Read the Text:
- Facilitate Bible Study:

Discussion Questions:
- How do you feel about giving tithes and offerings to the Lord? Why do you think the subject offends some people?
- In our story, God instructed the people of Israel to give an offering for the building of the Tabernacle. Why do you think God wanted the people to give for this instead of providing everything Himself (v. 4-5a)?
- God wanted the people to give with a “generous heart” (v. 5). What does it mean to have a generous heart? Why is it important to God for His people to have a generous heart?
- What kinds of things were the people instructed to give (v. 5b-9)? What were the skilled craftsmen instructed to do (v. 10)? What different kinds of skilled people were involved in the construction of the tabernacle (v. 11-19)?
- How did the people respond (v. 20-29)? What do the phrases “heart stirred,” “spirit moved,” and “willing heart,” say about the attitude of the people toward giving? This offering is called a “freewill offering” (v. 29). What is a “freewill offering”? How is a freewill offering different from the tithe?
- Who were Bazalel and Oholiab and what kind of spiritual gifts had God given them (v. 30-35)? How were they to use their spiritual gifts? Who is someone you know today who is gifted like Bazalel and Oholiab?
- Read Exodus 36:2-7. How much did the people give for the tabernacle? What were the people commanded to do in these verses? In this instance, how are the people of Israel an example for us to follow?
- Would you consider yourself as a person with a generous heart? Why or why not? Why is it important for us to give both tithes and offerings to God?

Prayer: Let’s pray today for God to give each of us a more generous heart.

Read carefully one chapter of the New Testament five days a week. In each chapter look for a . . .

- Sin to Confess / Promise to Claim / Attitude to Change / Command to Obey / Example to Follow.

Weekly Bible Reading: Stories from Exodus
- Exodus 32:1-35
  - Personal Study Notes: [Circle One: S P A C E ]
- Exodus 33:1-23
  - Personal Study Notes: [Circle One: S P A C E ]
- Exodus 34:1-35
  - Personal Study Notes: [Circle One: S P A C E ]
- Exodus 35:1-35
  - Personal Study Notes: [Circle One: S P A C E ]
- Exodus 40:1-38
  - Personal Study Notes: [Circle One: S P A C E ]