

# TREASURED

A STORY OF POWER, PRAISE & PRESERVATION

Life Groups Discussion Guide

July 28, 2019

## YAHWEH'S CONTINUED PRESENCE, Exodus 40:34–38

### CONNECT

1. When have you felt the presence of the Lord in your life? How have you seen His presence at work in the church? Share one of these stories with each other.

### CELEBRATE

2. After a long time at Sinai, the people of Israel are ready to begin their journey as God's chosen people. Why did God require them to spend so much time at Sinai before leading them to the Promised Land?
3. The Tabernacle is God's Tent of Meeting, the place where God and humanity meet. What does it tell you about who God is, that He desired to "move in" to a space in Israel's world?
4. God's shekinah glory is so radiant that a cloud had to mask its brilliance as He settles in the Tabernacle, lest it overwhelm the people. How does this compare with God's presence with His people in the New Testament? Compare John 1:14 with Leviticus 16:2,13. What was God teaching His people in each situation?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:14–16. God's glory and truth are always on display, yet many cannot perceive them. What is this veil that blocks their sight? How is it removed? How do you know that this veil has been removed from your eyes?
6. Beholding glory results in growth. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17–18. What does this look like in the life of the believer? Who in your life is continually growing more and more into the image of Christ?

### CONTRIBUTE

7. God dwells with His people as He commissions them as a kingdom of priests. In Exodus 40, He descends to lead His people in this journey. Today, think of God's presence in your life. How are you being led by the Spirit? How is He leading you to "set out from your camp" and march into the world around you?
8. With all of the tension in the world today, where do you see God leading His people as a kingdom of priests (1 Peter 2:9)? What is He calling us to do in our country right now? Take time to pray about this, then make plans together for how you will participate in this work this week.