

1. Opening Question

Icebreaker / Warm-Up

When you hear the word “*holy*,” what emotions or images come to mind—comfort, fear, distance, awe, confusion? Why do you think that is?

2. Observing the Text

Focus: God’s Holiness & Access

Read or summarize Exodus 28:1–2.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you about the fact that God begins with the *priest* rather than the people?
2. Why do you think God gives such detailed instructions for the priest’s garments?

3. Understanding the Problem

Focus: The Need for a Mediator

Read or summarize Exodus 28:12, 29 and Exodus 29:10–21.

Discussion Questions:

3. What do you learn about the role of the priest from the way Aaron bears the names of Israel?
4. Why do you think God requires blood, washing, and consecration even for the mediator?
5. What does this reveal about human effort, sincerity, or good intentions?

4. The Heart of the Gospel

Focus: Grace & God’s Desire to Dwell

Read or summarize Exodus 29:42–46.

Discussion Questions:

6. What surprises you about God’s promise, ‘*I will meet with you*’?
7. How does this passage reshape the idea that obedience earns God’s presence?

5. Fulfillment in Christ

Focus: Jesus Our True Mediator

Briefly review the sermon's contrasts between Aaron and Christ.

Discussion Questions:

8. Why is it good news that Jesus is both the mediator *and* the sacrifice?
9. Which image speaks most powerfully to you:

- Washed
- Robed in righteousness
- Anointed with the Spirit
- Sprinkled with blood
Why?

6. Application & Prayer

Closing Question:

10. What does it look like this week to approach God *through Christ* rather than through guilt, effort, or self-confidence?