

# HOPE

A Good Place to Find Life

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## Small Group Discussion Guide — March 15, 2026

- Series: The Table
  - Sermon: Tabernacles
  - Scripture: Leviticus 23:33-36, 39-43
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### CONNECT

What is the most temporary place you've ever lived or stayed, (e.g. a tent, a dorm), and what made that experience memorable?

### FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

Last week's sermon was a little different, perhaps even confusing. The aim, however, was to provide a deeper understanding of the roots of our Christian faith; to see God's faithfulness so we may live forward with this wisdom. How has that resonated shofar?

### ENGAGE

1. This week, we focus on the Festival of Tabernacles (Sukkot), considered to be the most celebratory of the feasts. Read through Leviticus 23:33-36 and 39-43. What specific practices does God command Israel to observe?
2. Verse 43 explains the reason for dwelling in temporary shelters. What historical event was this meant to help Israel remember? Why is it worth us remembering today?
3. The Festival of Tabernacles creates a rhythm of: **Sabbath, living in temporary shelters, Sabbath**. What might God have been teaching His people through this pattern, and what larger implications could that have for how we view our lives today?
4. Why do you think God combined the ideas of temporary dwellings and joyful celebration into a single festival? How might these elements work together to shape our understanding of our relationship with Him?

### APPLY

How does remembering that this life is temporary, like living in a "tent", shape the way you see God and the way you live today? In light of that perspective, how might you live more simply or intentionally, and what priorities or decisions might change? What other "structures" in your life might you need to let go of so that you can depend more fully on Christ?

## **GOING DEEPER**

As you go through the week, take time to reflect on the truth that life is a journey. We often long to “arrive,” yet Scripture reminds us that in this earthly life we never fully will. Instead of moving quickly to action, pause and consider what it means that this life is temporary and that your true home is with God. Let that reality shape the way you think before it shapes what you do. Where might God be inviting you this week to remember that this life is temporary and that your true home is with Him, and how might that perspective begin to reshape the way you see your life right now?

## **PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for this day and for the opportunity to grow in our understanding of who You are and how deeply You love us. When our focus is fixed only on the things of this world, life can feel rushed and overwhelming. Help us to see with Your perspective and to listen for Your voice above all others. Give us the wisdom to remember that this life is temporary and that Your Word is true. Because of that truth, we hold firmly to the hope that our eternal life is with You. Amen.

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE**

John 1:14

Psalm 90:1

Revelation 21:3

Psalm 90:12

## **QUOTES**

“Individuals are infinitely more important than civilizations because they are immortal. When all civilizations are dead, when even the stars blink out billions of years from now, every one of us will still exist, in eternal joy or eternal misery. And that is the only issue that matters infinitely.” Peter Kreeft

“Why is it so hard to face your own death or the death of loved ones? It’s so hard because we think this broken world is the only world we’re ever going to have. It’s easy to feel as if this money is the only wealth we’ll ever have, as if this body is the only body we’ll ever have. But if Jesus is risen, then your future is so much more beautiful, and so much more certain, than that.” Timothy Keller