



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 5.5.24  
Exodus 25-31 // Dean Siley

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Reflect on a time when you felt particularly useful or fulfilled in using your skills or talents. How did that experience impact your sense of purpose or connection with others?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

**Create Context (5 min):** View the sermon recap video [here!](#)

## Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Read Exodus 31:1-11.
  - Based on what we've learned the previous weeks, how would you rate the importance of the work that these men are called to do?
  - What was it that made Bezalel and Oholiab capable of doing this work?
  - If you had to guess (this isn't explicit in the text) did these men gain this skill all-of-the-sudden, or do you think they had been practicing for quite some time?
- 3 Read Exodus 31:1-3.
  - What are the qualities that come with God's empowering Spirit?
  - How does this entire passage (vv. 1-11) speak to pursuing excellence with the gifts and talents that God has entrusted to us?
  - Are there skills that you've been given of which you're being a poor steward?
- 4 Read Exodus 31:6-11.
  - In verse 6 God says, "I have given to all able men ability..." and then he lists all of the parts of the Tabernacle.
  - How does this portion of Scripture relate to the church within the context of the new covenant?
  - Read Colossians 3:23-24. How does this text speak to this topic?



- ⑤ Read Ephesians 4:11-16.
- How does this passage explain how the church is intended to function?
  - In what ways does this portion of Scripture connect to Exodus 31:1-11?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [God in Our Midst: The Tabernacle and Our Relationship with God // Hyde \(Book\)](#)
- [Two Types of Work: Work for the Lord and Work for the Kingdom of God // Orr \(Article\)](#)
- [The Reward and Responsibility of Creating // Kelly \(Article\)](#)

## APPLY (30 MIN)

- We'd like you to share with your group 2-3 skills, talents, or passions that you have—things that when you do them, you experience the joy of the Lord.
- The goal is not to brag, but to allow others in your group to get to know you a bit more and to make it a little more difficult to leave those talents unused (if they are).
- Brainstorm together.
  - Are there new ways you could apply your skills to serve your community or church?
  - What steps can you take to align your talents more closely with God's purposes?

## PRAY (15 MIN)

- Pray for clarity in recognizing your own gifts and understanding how best to use them in God's service.
- Ask God to open doors for you to use your skills in ways that fulfill His commandments and bring joy to others.
- Seek God's guidance on how your church can better utilize the diverse talents of its members to address the profound emptiness many experience.
- Request God's help in growing your skills and abilities, not just for personal achievement, but for the enrichment and support of those around you.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Men's Breakfast: May 11, 2024

You are invited to join come enjoy a cup of coffee and a free breakfast with men of all ages at our Broadview Heights campus on Saturday, May 11th. Feel free to invite a friend to join. You can register for the breakfast [HERE](#)



## CVC YOUNG ADULTS

### Hocking Hills Spring Retreat: May 31-June 2, 2024

All young adults are invited to enjoy a weekend away at Hocking Hills where they'll dive deeper into studying the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and have fun doing some outdoor activities.

Early bird registration is now open. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



## CVC YOUTH

### Movin' In / Movin' Up: June 1, 2024

CVCYouth will be hosting their annual Movin' In & Movin' Up events on June 1st. Movin' In is for all incoming 6th grade students and Movin' Up is for all incoming 9th grade students. This Is a great event for students to meet middle school and high school leaders and learn more about CVCYouth.



## SAVE-THE-DATES

CVCYouth Frontlines Summer Camp: June 23-28, 2024