



## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families: For the week of September 24, 2017

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a “worship discussion” guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Numbers 4:1-49 “Tabernacle”

- Read Numbers 4:1-4. While there are a ton of detailed instructions in this passage, it is really ultimately about people.
- Who is counted? What is the main purpose of their work?
- What does it mean for something to be declared “holy”?
- Read Numbers 4:5-6. What kinds of steps did God command with respect to the Tabernacle? Why?
- What risks were involved with Tabernacle worship?
- Each Sunday in worship we read a companion New Testament reading. Last Sunday, we read [Hebrews 8:1-2](#) & [9:12](#). What does this tell us about who sets up worship for us? What are the differences between Old Testament Tabernacle worship and New Testament worship?
- The *mobility* of the Tabernacle teaches us that the Church is not to be tied to location, but to have a spirit of readiness to go where God leads. But risk is very hard for us. What risk is Jesus currently calling you to take as you follow Him?
- The *organization* of the Tabernacle teaches us that everyone has a role in the Body of Christ. What roles do you in the church? What God-given gifts do you bring? This latter question is challenging for most of us! So, ask the group how they see Jesus at work through each of you in Christ’s mission.
- The Tabernacle is ultimately a picture of our destiny. Read [Revelation 21:22](#). Where are we headed?
- Take time to pray together. Re-read [Hebrews 8:1-2](#) & [9:12](#), and thank God for the faithful ministry of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. And thank God for one another, and how He uses us in the ministry of the Church.

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## Sermon Notes

*This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Numbers 4:1-49](#).*

A number of things emerge from this chapter:

- First, a second census for the tribe of Levi, this time for men aged thirty to fifty (vv.1-3). These men would be the workers involved in the movement of the Tabernacle.
- There was a distance, to be observed as well as a color-coding for the most important and holy objects (vv.5-6) The priests dismantled and covered the most holy parts of the tabernacle before they could be moved. Blue and purple were the colors of the coverings.
- Why was all of this necessary? To protect the workers but also for MOBILITY. We must never forget that these instructions are for a pilgrim people, wanderers. They are to be on the move.
- There is no room for pride in the assignment of duties.
- The Lord said... Moses and Aaron counted them according to the LORD's command through Moses (3 times). At the LORD's command through Moses, each was assigned his work and told what to carry. Thus they were counted as the LORD commanded Moses.
- Why?

"And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God, the Almighty and the Lamb." ([Revelation 21:22](#))