Backdrop: The Tabernacle

Opening Discussion:

- 1. Do you like moving or do you prefer to stay in the same house for a long time?
- 2. How much did your family move when you were a child?
- 3. Why do you think we get connected to houses we live in for a long time?
- 4. What's most important, where you live or who lives with you?
- 5. In what ways has God dwelt with His people throughout redemptive history?

The Tabernacle represents God's everlasting desire to ______ with His ______.

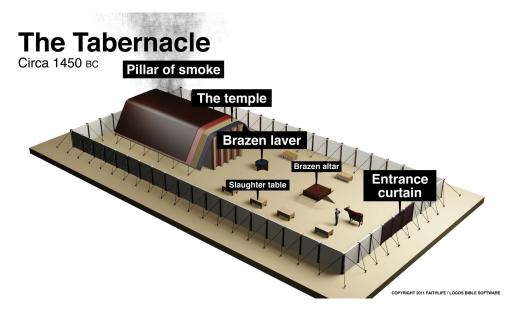
1. The ______ of the Tabernacle

- Sanctuary
- Tabernacle

Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exodus 25:8

• Tent of Meeting

2. The _____ of the Tabernacle



3. The ______ of the Tabernacle

The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side. **Numbers 2:2**

The Lord called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them . . . Leviticus 1:1-2

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed (tabernacled, put there to dwell) the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. **Genesis 3:24**

The glory of the Lord dwelt (tabernacled) on Mount Sinai. Exodus 24:16

- 4. The ______ of the Tabernacle
- The wilderness
- Gigal and/or Shechem
- Shiloh
- Gibeon
- Jerusalem

5. The _____ and the Tabernacle

23 They shall be my people, and I will be their God. **24** My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. **25** They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. **26** I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. **27** My dwelling place (tabernacle) shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Ezekiel 37:23-27**

The Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. **Hebrews 8:1-5**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place (tabernacle) of God is with man. He will dwell (tabernacle) with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." **Revelation 21:3**

Fill in the Blank Answers

The Tabernacle represents God's everlasting desire to dwell with His people.

- 1. names
- 2. structure
- 3. purpose
- 4. location
- 5. New Covenant