

The River Church  
50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 33  
Exodus 31

**Memory Verse:** "It is a sign between ME and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor* and was refreshed." Ex. 31:17

**Before Reading:**

How would you define service?

**Verse 1-5**

Why is Bezalel important?

What connection is there between God's Spirit and craftsmanship or creating?

What role does creativity play in this chapter, and what role does creativity play in the life of a Christian?

What power does creativity have in our lives?

**Verse 6 - 11**

What was the purpose of all the craftsmanship and creativity in this chapter?

The Hebrew word for skill used in verse 6 is also understood as *wisdom*; How do we understand the difference between these two words in our own language today?

God used men with wisdom in their hearts to build these Holy things. We know that service is essential in the life of a believer, so what would you consider the "wisdom" in your heart that you serve with?

What wisdom are you pursuing, and to what end does this wisdom serve?

Looking at the items described in verses 7-11, how many different skills do you see required to make these items?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in these skills? Are the skills supernatural or are they just given direction by the Spirit?

When you read about the variety of skills necessary to fulfill God's commands in this chapter, how does this affect your perspective on service within the church?

Now how would you define service?

**Verse 12 -18**

What connection does creativity have with Sabbath instructions? (Why would God instruct on these things back to back?)

How is the Sabbath defined in this section?

What does Sabbath mean to the Church today?

Does this align with the *purpose* of the Sabbath?

How could serving in the Church benefit our understanding of the Sabbath? How can serving hinder our understanding?

How can we best balance service and rest as believers?