



MOSES

Week 13 Study Guide

OPEN

Read Exodus 20:22-24:11 aloud.

What minor legal infraction are you most likely to commit on a regular basis?

REFLECT

Exodus 20:22-23:33 is commonly known as the “Book of the Covenant.” It interprets the Ten Commandments into a set of specific laws for the people of Israel in their immediate historical/ cultural context. What patterns do you see in these laws? Whom do they protect? What do they celebrate? How do they honor God?

Where do you see God’s transcendence (majesty and authority) reflected in His commands? Where do you see God’s immanence (intimate involvement in our lives) reflected in His commands?

Look at 24:6-8. Imagine what it would look, smell and feel like for all that blood to be thrown against the altar of God and upon yourself. How does that action put your personal and our collective sin and transgression of the law in perspective?

Have a group member read Matthew 26:26-29. How does Matthew help you understand Exodus 24, especially verses 9-11? How does it give you a hope for the future?

APPLY

The Book of the Covenant gives a set of specific laws for the people of Israel in their immediate historical/cultural context. What general principles should be applicable to the Christian? What timeless truths does it communicate regarding justice, community, stewardship of property and the value of human life?

The day is coming when, like the Israelites and the disciples, we will get to see God face to face and enjoy a feast together. In your own life, when have you experienced glimpses of this future hope? How can you intentionally create space in your life and living to experience such glimpses?

CLOSE

What attribute of God did you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

TIME

Set aside time this week as a family to read Exodus 24:1-18 together. With those verses in mind, discuss the following questions.

- If someone said to you, "Whatever God's law is, I am going to follow it perfectly!" what would you say to them?
- What do you think it was like to eat and drink in the presence of the Lord on the mountain?
- Aaron got to see all this and then go back and be with the people while Moses went further up the mountain with Joshua. After hearing from the Lord directly and eating and drinking in His presence, why do you think Aaron turned so quickly to other gods?
- What doubts do you have about God? How can you pray through them and address them as a family? How can we lean on God's grace and truth in times of doubt or self-righteousness?

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Leverage opportunities this week to remind your family that God Is in Charge of Everything and God Is Good. Look for places where God has demonstrated His goodness, where doubt has crept in and where self-righteousness has set in on your family.

Then [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." - Exodus 24:7