

Home Group Discussion Guide

A Covenant Broken – Exodus 19, 24 & 32

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever waited for someone who was "running late," only to give up right before they arrived? How did you feel when you realized you missed them?
2. The sermon described the relationship between God and Israel as a "romance story" with a love triangle involving the pull of Egypt. How does that image change how you view the Book of Exodus?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Exodus 19, 24 & 32

1. When you think of God's commands, do you see them as a 'blessing and a gift' or as 'restrictions'? Why?

Consider Exodus 19:3-6 and 24:3-8

2. The people twice promised, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Why do we find it so easy to make big promises to God when things are going well?

Consider Exodus 32:1-10

3. The people asked Aaron to "make us gods who will go before us" because they didn't know what happened to Moses. When God feels distant, what "old ways" or "idols" are you most tempted to return to?
4. God told Moses, "your people... have become corrupt." How does it feel to realize that our "broken covenants" cause actual pain and grief to God?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. We often see God's commands as restrictive "rules" rather than "blessings and gifts". Identify one area of your life where you feel restricted by God's way. How would your attitude change if you viewed that specific command as a gift designed for your protection and flourishing?
2. Knowing that Jesus has already paid the cost for our "broken covenants," how does that reality change the way you handle your own failures? Does it make you more likely to hide in shame, or does it give you the courage to "find the way back" more quickly?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

