

THE PLAN

8. The Covenant II (Exodus 19-40) October 31, 2021

Story Coordinates (Exodus 19:1-6)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

What Did They Do?

- The Israelites _____ the Covenant— then immediately _____! (Exodus 24:4-8, 32:1-6)

God invited Moses into his _____ - _____ process. (32:7-10)

- Moses used his position with God to _____ for Israel— _____! (32:22-14, 32:30-33:3)

God _____ the Israelites because Moses _____ . (33:12-17)

God _____ the Israelites because that is the kind of _____ he is. (33:18-19, 34:5-7)

- By interceding for Israel, Moses (literally) _____ God's _____ . (34:29-30)

The Moral of the Story

- Our God is gracious and merciful, _____ to anger, and abounding in _____.
- Being in Covenant with God means having a seat at God's _____ - _____ process.
- Keeping the Covenant means using that position in ways that _____ God's _____.

Spoiler Alert:

- Jesus invites us into a _____ —a new chance to _____ on God's behalf. (Matthew 26:26-28)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

- How do you tend to react when someone does exactly the thing you asked them not to do? Can you relate to God's reaction?

2. Into the Bible (2 Corinthians 3:7-18)

- V. 7-11: What does Paul mean by "the ministry of the Spirit"? (Check Romans 8:9-17 and Galatians 5:16-25) Why is it better than Moses' ministry?

- V. 12-13: Why did Moses need to wear a veil? How are we different from Moses, according to Paul?

- V. 14-17: Why can the non-Christian Israelites see the truth behind the Law? How can their veil be removed?

- V. 18: What are Christians able to because we are no longer veiled? What are we being changed into?

3. Going Deeper

- We are called to be like God, who is gracious, merciful, slow to anger and full of loyal love. Which of those character traits is the hardest for you to adopt?

- What would you need to change in the way you treat other people in order to reflect God's character?

- Moses interceded for the Israelites when they were completely guilty *and* unrepentant. Are there any people in your life like that for whom you could/should be praying?

4. Prayer

- Pray for each member of the group, that God would enable them to reflect his character into the world. Pray for anyone who was mentioned in the last question.