



Sermon Discussion Guide




Exodus: Covenant

Exodus 19:1-8

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Exodus 19:1-8. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 In your own words, what is a covenant, and why is it important?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

COVENANT: EXPERIENCE

- 3 Recall the Mark Twain quote about carrying a cat by the tail. Why is experience a necessary component of true conversion? Or, what is the difference between *believing* in grace versus *knowing* grace?
- 4 Adam said, "We experience God's grace and power in the midst of our realized helplessness...Do you remember the state of helplessness in which God found you?"

COVENANT: EXPECTATIONS

- 5 Compare the following two ways of relating to God:
Obedience → Grace
Grace → Obedience
- 6 Why did Adam suggest abandoning the term, “Christian”? Who is discipling/mentoring you? Who are you discipling/mentoring? Can the self-coached Christian life work?
- 7 Discuss the following quote by J.I. Packer:

God has voluntarily bound up His own final happiness with theirs...It follows from the very nature of these relationships that God's happiness will not be complete till all His beloved ones are finally out of trouble. God was happy without man, before man was made, He would have continued happy had He simply destroyed man after man had sinned. But as it is, He has set His love upon particular sinners and this means that by His own free voluntary choice He will not know perfect and unmixed happiness again til He has brought every one of them to Heaven. He has in effect resolved that henceforth for all eternity His happiness shall be conditional upon ours. Thus God saves, not only for His own glory, but also for His own gladness.

COVENANT: EMISSARIES

- 8 What is an “emissary”? How has God called you to be a covenant emissary?
- 9 Do you believe that the beauty of Jesus will change the world?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?