

Exodus Bible Study Assignment

January 6, 2022

Reading: Exodus Chapters 32-34

Discussion Questions

1. Exodus 24:18 states that “Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.” Biblical scholars believe this is a euphemism that meant for a really, really, *really* long time. How long after Moses went up the mountain do you think it took before the Israelites came to Aaron and asked him to make “gods” for them?
2. What reasons did the people give for wanting “gods”?
3. Do you think people today seek guidance from someone/something other than God? If so, where do they turn? Why do you think they do this?
4. How does God respond to the Israelites’ sacrifices and festival to the golden calf?
5. After Moses intercedes on the Israelites’ behalf, Exodus 32:14 states that, “The Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.” Do you believe God changes his mind? Why or why not?
6. In what ways does Aaron try to deflect Moses’ anger? What do you think would have happened if Aaron had resisted the Israelites’ demand for a “god”?
7. What punishments did the Israelites receive for making and worshiping the golden calf?

8. Why do you think God required the Israelites to strip themselves of their ornaments?

9. In Exodus 33:12-16, Moses intercedes for the Israelites. What does he ask God to do?

10. Read Exodus 34:6-7. What do you think is the difference between “forgiving iniquity” and “clearing the guilty”?

11. When the Lord renewed the covenant with the Israelites, God gave several prohibitions to them. Which ones are similar to the ones listed in the Ten Commandments? How do these relate to the episode of the golden calf?

January 13 Assignment: Exodus Chapters 35-40