Small Group Discussion Week 14



Chapter 14 – God's Covenant with Moses

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Coaching Conversations:

As we reach the mid-point of our Old Testament survey, it's a great time to reflect on and review all that we have covered thus far. Not just in terms of the Old Testament survey, however, but also in terms of growing in making disciples. The aim of Multiply is not just to be equipped with knowledge! While a greater understanding of Scripture is incredibly helpful and transformative in our own lives, we are still called to pass that learning on to others in helping them to grow in their love and adoration for Jesus (2 Timothy 2:2). As you review all you've learned and covered with your group members this week, follow-up with them on how they've grown in making disciples. Has their desire to share God's truth with others increased? Have they had any opportunities to disciple a younger believer? Have they even thought about discipleship in over the course of this Bible survey? Reference back to discussions and prayer requests that were shared when you covered parts 1-3 and continue to look for ways to encourage your members to put this information into action. Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information!

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD'S STORY - God is holy, meaning He is distinct-not like us. He is set apart from all things.

OUR STORY - God gave us His law to establish a relationship with His people and to provide us with a standard of living in order to show the world who He is.

MY STORY - Because God has established a way for me to be in a relationship with Him, I need to live my life as "set apart" to God, praying that as a result the world would see Christ through the us and come into a relationship with him.

Starting the Conversation:

Ask your group members to share how their view of God has changed over the course of this study. If it has, then have them share how this new view has manifested in their daily lives.

Life Group Questions

- 1. Read Exodus 19. What is the significance of the people's cleansing themselves and staying clear of the mountain?
- 2. How should Israel's encounter with God at Mount Sinai affect the way we view Him?

- 3. Read Exodus 20:1-21. What do the Ten Commandments reveal about the character of God?
- 4. What do the Ten Commandments reveal about the way God wants humanity to live?
- 5. What is the difference between Israel's keeping the Law in order to earn God's favor and keeping the Law in order to maintain a relationship with God?
- 6. Why was it important for God to give Israel the Law?
- 7. Read Deuteronomy 28. How do these promises of blessing for obedience and cursing for disobedience help us understand the importance of God's covenant with Moses and Israel?
- 8. As a "kingdom of priests" and a "holy nation," what was Israel's responsibility to the nations around them?
- 9. We are not the nation of Israel, but God uses similar phrases to describe the church (see 1 Peter 2:5, 9). How should God's covenant with Moses and the Israelites affect the way we view ourselves as the people of God?

Additional Recommended Resources:

"What does it mean that Christians are not under the law?" – GotQuestions.org article "Is being holy even possible?" – GotQuestions.org article

Prayer Assignment:

Thank God for reaching down into this broken world and choosing to work in and through broken people to accomplish His purposes. Ask Him to give you a heart that is set on obedience and a passion for reaching out to the world around you.