



## **EXODUS CHAPTERS 20 & 32 (FACILITATOR)**

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#### **Exodus 20:1-26**

- Why does God remind the Israelites where they have come from and what He did for them at the beginning of Exodus chapter 20?
  - He knew that His people would have a tendency to forget although they had experienced great things because of what God had done. Remembering would draw their focus and attention back to what they had seen and experienced.
- What do you think it means for God to be jealous?
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- What are some examples of modern-day idols? What modern day idols do you wrestle with the most?
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- Notice the first four commandments have to do with an individual’s relationship with God and the final six commandments have to do with an individual’s relationships with others. What do you think this says about God?
  - **The vertical relationship affects the horizontal relationships and the horizontal relationships affect the vertical. In other words, our individual relationship with God affects our relationships with others and our relationships with others affects our relationship with God.**
    - What do you personally find difficult about this if anything?
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### **Exodus 32:1-35**

- Read Exodus 32:1. How are you and I similar to the Israelites when things don’t go our way and in our timing?
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- What does Exodus 32:2-6 say about spiritual leadership?



- Spiritual leadership isn't easy. Rather, it is difficult and intentional. Spiritual leadership isn't primarily concerned about pleasing others and giving them what they want. Rather, spiritual leadership is about pleasing God and giving others what they need.
- How is Moses battling for the souls of the Israelites in Exodus 32:11-14?
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    - How do you battle for the souls of the following people?
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- How do you explain all that God did and said in Exodus 32:27-35 to someone who may believe that God acted harshly?
  - It isn't our job to explain away all of God's actions/thoughts/motives, etc. However, God does take seriously obedience to Him and submission to Him because He cares so passionately for us and loves us perfectly. Our decisions matter to Him and He knows what's best for us and there may be times when His parenting/discipline of us may "seem" harsh, but it is absolutely what is needed.

## Final Application



- What does this passage teach us about God?
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