

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

What's the scariest ride, adventure, or experience you've ever ended up loving afterward?

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Spend some time in prayer for one another.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND INFO

Repentance

Biblical repentance is more than feeling guilty. It involves turning away from sin and returning to God in faith and obedience. Throughout this passage, repentance includes confession, destruction of idols, renewed obedience, and mourning over separation from God.

God's Presence

At the beginning of Exodus, God promised not only land and blessing but His own presence with Israel. In Exodus 33, the "disastrous word" was not only losing prosperity it was the possibility of losing God's presence among them.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Reference Exodus 32:15-33:6

1. What actions does Moses take when he sees the golden calf, and what do those actions communicate about sin and idolatry? (32:15-20)
2. How do Aaron and the people respond when confronted about their sin, and what does Moses' question in verse 26 reveal about loyalty to God? (Exodus 32:21-29)
3. What does Moses ask God to do for the people, and how does God respond to both their sin and His covenant promises? (32:30-35)
4. What makes God's statement, "I will not go up among you," such a devastating message for Israel? (Exodus 33:1-6)
5. Where throughout this passage do you see both the difficulty and the goodness of repentance?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What does this passage show us about God's character and ours?

How does this story deepen your understanding of repentance?

Discuss the aspects of Israel's repentance in this passage:

Public destruction of sin

A recommitment to God's way

Trusting Him with the consequences

Desiring the restoration of His presence.

Which of these makes repentance seem the most intimidating? How can you overcome that?

Is there or has there been a relationship, habit, or pattern where you needed to stop arguing with God and trust His way instead?

How can you stay faithful as you live in the fallout of sin, and the security you have in Christ?

How can you build deeper honesty and accountability with other believers?

What rhythms could help you regularly examine your heart for idols before they grow stronger?

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

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