

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Confirmation of the Lord**

EXODUS 23:20-24:18

OVERVIEW

God's chosen people are in Egypt. Not only that, they are enslaved. Against the backdrop of God's promises in Genesis—that God's people would be in God's place—the current situation seems dire. Has the Lord forgotten his promises? The story of Exodus reveals God's faithfulness in redeeming his people from bondage into his presence. The way out? Not by human might. By faith in God's promise to deliver through a blood sacrifice. The Lord does all of this so that all people might know he is the Lord and his people might rightly fear him, worshipping him in all things. The Greek title for the book (or shall we say, this chapter of the Pentateuch) is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit, departure or going out."

APPLY // EXODUS 20:22-23:19

Main Idea: Our gracious Lord gives good laws that call us to live the good life by loving him and loving neighbor. Love God. Love neighbor. Get joy.

1. Read Exodus 20:22-26; 23:10-19. What do these verses tell us about God's character? Why is it important that we worship God in the way he commands? What dangers might we face that tempt us to worship the Lord as we want?
2. Discuss how the laws in 21:1-23:9 reveal God's care for the vulnerable. What does this tell us about God's character?
3. These laws show us how God's rule informs all of our lives. Why is it tempting to only give the Lord part of our life? What might this look like?
4. How might these laws inform how we treat one another inside the life of our church? How might these laws inform how we treat those outside our church?
5. How can we help remind each other that the Lord's rules are for our good?
6. How do these laws help us see and savor Jesus?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // EXODUS 23:20-24:11

Main Idea: God promises to bring his people into the Promised Land. God's people promise to obey.

1. Read Exodus 23:20-33.
2. Identify all the actions the Lord says he will take. Why is the Lord doing these things?
3. Identify what the Lord commands Israel to do. Why does the Lord command these things?
4. What does God promise his people if they obey him? Why is it important to remember these are specific promises given to a specific people under the Old Covenant? Why was the Lord protecting and providing for his people?
5. What's the main point of 23:20-33? How does this fit into the story of Exodus? The Bible?
6. Read Exodus 24:1-11.

7. How is Moses set apart from Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the rest of Israel? What role does Moses have for God's people?
8. In verses 3-8, Moses gives the people the Book of the Covenant. How do they respond? What's the point of the altar and sacrifices? What's the significance of the blood being thrown on the altar? On the people?
9. What happens in verses 9-11? What does it mean "they saw God?" What does it mean "he did not lay his hand on [them]?" What's significant about these events, specifically these men eating and drinking in God's presence?
10. What's the main point of 24:1-11? How does this fit into the story of Exodus? The Bible?
11. What do these chapters tell us about the character of God?
12. How do these chapters point us to the person and work of Jesus Christ?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How's your love for Jesus?