

Community group questions
Exodus 16-20

Opening question: Consider some of the rules you had growing up (in school, home, sports team, etc). What ones still seem rather arbitrary and what ones to you now make sense?

Scripture study

- Read Exodus 16:1-8; 17:1-7. How is this typical human nature? In their looking back what should have been their perspective? What do you see of God in these passages? What is the connection between trust and grumbling? What helps you to change a grumbling and complaining attitude?
- Read Exodus 19:1-11. How is chapter 19 preparation for what is to come in chapter 20 (giving of the Ten Commandments)? What do verses 4-6 tell us about the nature of the covenant God is making with the Israelites? What are the people called to and how do they respond? Why is it so critical to our spiritual journey to understand that salvation preceded the law?
- Read Exodus 20:1-17. What does God establish as the basis for these Ten Commandments? Comment on one of these commandments and the relevance to today. Apply Deuteronomy 10:12-13 to the law's usefulness to our lives. What does Jesus have to say about the Ten Commandments in Matthew 22:34-40? What is he saying by this?
- What is the relevance of obeying the commands to our relationship with Christ (see John 14:15; I John 5:1-5)? How is obedience freeing? What does it look like for you to live free?