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The Mountain of God

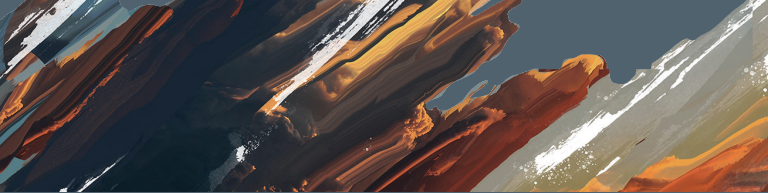
REFLECT | Week 8 | Exodus 19:8–25

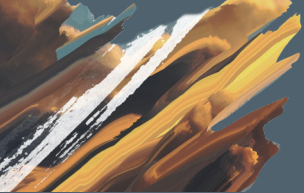
1. What feelings and thoughts were sparked in you by today's message?
2. How do you prepare to enter God's presence? Do you have a routine? Why or why not?
3. How do you define "holiness?" How have you seen (or not seen) holiness lived out?
4. "Consecrate" means to dedicate oneself to God's service. Why did God instruct the Israelites to consecrate themselves?
5. Do you see any opportunities for us to consecrate ourselves before God today?
6. We hear a lot about God's love. We talk less about the holiness of God. Why do you think this is? How do you hold the tension between God's love and God's holiness?

RESPOND | Prayerfully sit with the scene in 19:16–19. What adjectives could you use to describe God and His holiness?

RESOURCE | Visit the Bible Project on YouTube and watch their *Holiness* video.

READ | Exodus 23–25



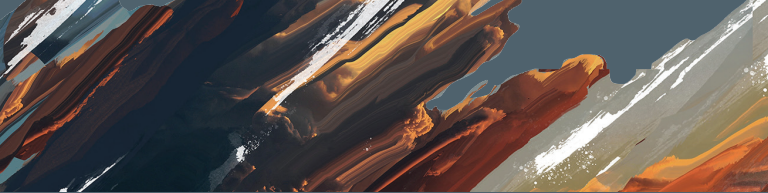


TOP TEN

The Ten Commandments

REFLECT | Week 9 | Exodus 20

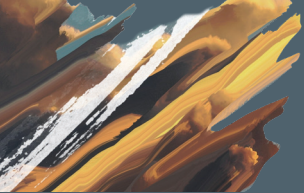
1. When you hear the term “Ten Commandments” what is your first thought and feeling?
2. Are these thoughts and feelings positive or negative? Why do you think people struggle to receive rules and commandments?
3. Of what does God remind Israel in 20:1? Why does God do this before sharing the Ten Commandments?
4. Why is this a pinnacle moment in Israel’s history?
5. Commandments 1–4 and 5–10 point to different places? Do you notice this? Why could these differences be helpful for us to understand? See Matthew 22:36–40.
6. State each of the Commandments in your own words. Share how keeping them builds your relationship with God and others and how not keeping them can diminish both.
7. Do you relate to 20:20? What does “the fear of God” mean to you? How does it, or has it, shaped your life?



RESPOND | Each day this week, use the Ten Commandments as a prayer guide. Ask God to help you notice places you fall short and celebrate places you are growing.

RESOURCE | Visit the Bible Project on YouTube and watch the *Purpose of the Old Testament Law of Moses* video.

READ | Exodus 26–28

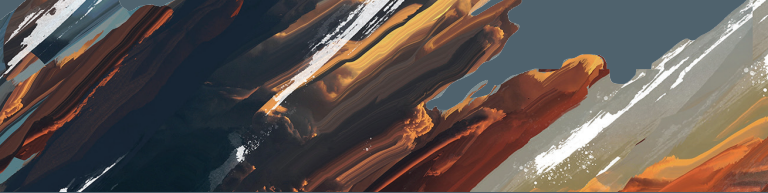


GOD OF THE VULNERABLE

The Book of the Covenant

REFLECT | Week 10 | Exodus 21–23

1. What questions were sparked in you by today's message?
2. Watch the Bible Project's video titled Justice on YouTube. How does this video help you process the strange sounding content we hear this week?
3. As you read through Exodus 21–23 which laws seem most jarring and strange to you?
4. Many Old Testament laws protect and provide justice for foreigners, the poor, women, and slaves. What does this reveal about God's heart and God's desires for people?
5. God gives the Law to teach people how to live justly. How do you understand God's definition of just? Where is your life compatible with God's definition of justice?
6. This passage gives significant attention to making things right after a wrong (restitution). How do you go about making things right when you make a mistake?

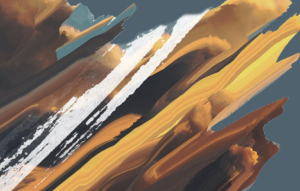


7. Read Exodus 23:14–19, considering our own calendars, how and when does our personal, or church community remember God’s activity in our lives?

RESPOND | Acknowledging the difficulty in understanding these chapters, reflect again on the Bible Project video from question two. Share one thing you can do this week to demonstrate God’s justice towards the oppressed.

RESOURCE | These are the type of complex chapters that can motivate a desire to learn more. Many of our mission partners serve others in response to Scripture like this. Review the opportunities to learn more at ChristChurch.us/ServeWithUs.

READ | Exodus 29–31

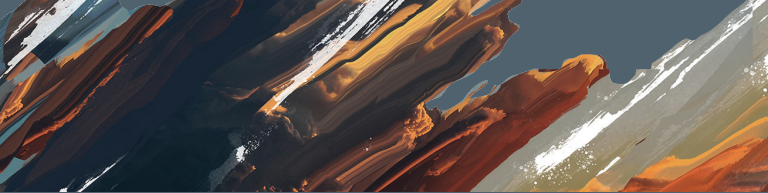


THE TURKEY'S GIFT

The Blood of the Covenant

REFLECT | Week 11 | Exodus 24

1. Have you ever made commitments to God? If so, what prompted them, what were the outcomes?
2. Why did Moses write down what God said even though He had verbally told them? Are there advantages of written versus verbal sharing? (See Exodus 17:14.)
3. Have you or your family ever committed to following Jesus? If so, how have you marked that commitment? It is okay if you are still working that out. What practices help(ed) you explore that commitment?
4. What is your take on the quick, energetic response of the Israelites to follow all the laws and commands shared over the last several chapters? See verses 24:3, 7, and 19:8.
5. What do you think Moses was doing on the mountain for those six days?
6. Why is the "blood of the covenant" important? See Exodus 29:21 and Hebrews 9:22.

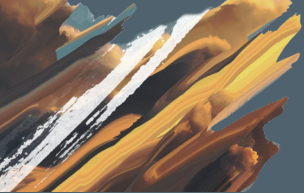


RESPOND | On this Thanksgiving week, share with someone how you completed the following note of gratitude.

“God, I am thankful that you taught me _____ because it helped me think about _____ differently.”

RESOURCE | Visit BibleProject.com and view the series of videos titled *Royal Priests of Eden*. There are six very helpful videos.

READ | Exodus 32–34

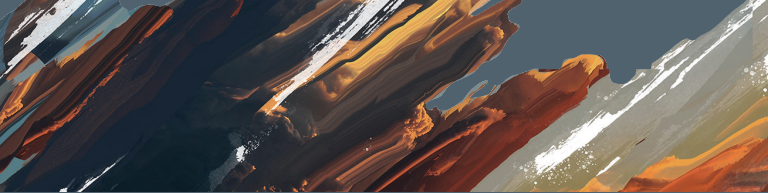


THE TABERNACLE

Where God Dares to Dwell

REFLECT | Week 12 | Exodus 35–40, John 1:1–4

1. What is one idea from the message that surprised you?
2. Tell the story of something on display in your home that holds a special meaning.
3. Why do you think God was so detailed about the Tabernacle?
4. What was the requirement for giving towards the Tabernacle?
5. Read through Exodus 35–40 and note all the different skills and abilities necessary to complete the Tabernacle. What stands out to you as you reflect on that list?
6. Have you ever considered how God gifted you to help build up the church? If so, what are ways you felt gifted? If not, what keeps you from believing you have gifts to be used in community?
7. How does Exodus enhance the way you will approach this Advent season with Jesus?
8. What is the significance of John 1:14?



RESPOND | Let's celebrate together the completion of the Book of Exodus! Drop us a note and let us know how you were impacted (ehaskins@ChristChurch.us).

RESOURCE | Read Hebrews 9. How does this passage help us understand the person toward whom the Tabernacle was leading us?

READ | Exodus 35–40