

EXODUS 19



*But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city
of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
You have come to thousands upon thousands
of angels in joyful assembly, to the church
of the firstborn, whose names are
written in heaven.*

Hebrews 12:22-23

Take it in turns and read all of Exodus 19 & Exodus 20:18-21 as a group. Before you read, take note of the Exodus Themes - see last page.

CONTEXT



Take some time in the week to google the Bible Project video - “The Book of Exodus Part 1 of 2”

1. **In the light of Exodus 3:11-12** how should we view the moment of Israel coming to this mountain?

THE STORY

2. Where is the ‘drama and action’ as you read this story, and what’s your reaction/questions to it?

3. Because God is utterly holy, there are limits to how the people can approach Him. How does this play out in this moment with Moses and the Israelites at the mountain?

4. How many different times can you find that Moses goes up or down the mountain? Moses isn't even a young man, perhaps 80 years old at this point! What does this tell us about his role?

It's worth noting that this moment can be called 'the day of the church/gathering'. In Deuteronomy 9:10, the greek word for assembly/gathering/church is all the same thing. As Israel came together to hear the voice of God and worship Him - they 'churched'. Let's keep remembering that church is not a building, institution or denomination. Rather, church is the gathered people who come to their holy LORD to hear Him and worship Him.

5. Using the Exodus Themes (see last page) to help you, what do you notice about this part of the Exodus story? Talk it out as a group together.

GOD, JESUS CHRIST & US

6. What do we learn about God from this passage?

7. In the light of Exodus 19:3-6 & 1 Peter 2:9-11, how should we view the church's purpose and mission?

8. What do you think it means to 'not be afraid and yet fear' (Exodus 20:20) as followers of Jesus today?

9. Talk about how each of us should respond to this passage, whether it be worship and praise, repentance, thankfulness, petition, ...