

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the "Cover to Cover" sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 5 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 5

Hello and welcome to week five of the "Cover to Cover" Bible reading plan. In week four we looked at the first half of the book of Exodus, and specifically the story of Moses, and God freeing his people from captivity in Egypt. This week we will look at the second half of Exodus primarily focusing on God's covenant with his people.

DAY 1 In Chapters 15 - 17, we see the beginning of Israel's journey across the wilderness to Mount Sinai, where they would receive God's covenant. These chapters highlight God's provision and instruction for his people. Today, read **Exodus 15-17**.

DAY 2 Chapters 18 and 19 of Exodus are about the Hebrew people preparing to receive the covenant from God. Chapter 19 is a poignant reminder of the immense power and holiness that God possesses. As you read **Exodus Chapters 18 and 19** today, reflect on what it must have felt like to come to this moment and finally be ready to step into a relationship with God formally.

DAY 3 Chapter 20 begins God's instruction on what his relationship with his people will look like. The very beginning of this passage is what we've come to know as the Ten Commandments. Much like wedding vows these instructions are promises of what the people will commit to and what God will commit to. With this in mind read **Exodus Chapter 20** today.

DAY 4 Exodus 24-26 captures the confirmation of the covenant and then God's instructions on the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle. While there is a lot of detail in these passages, all of it points to God's desire to be with his people. As we remember from Adam and Eve's disobedience, God could not dwell with sinful people, but the Ark and the Tabernacle made it possible for him to once again be amongst his people. Think about the significance of these 2 items as you read **Exodus 24-26** today.

DAY 5 Chapters 27-31 of Exodus contain the remainder of God's covenant with his people and instructions about how his people are to worship him. If you have the opportunity, take the time to read these chapters this week. We will focus on Chapters 32- 34 of Exodus for today's reading. These chapters capture one of the saddest moments in Israel's history. After watching God bring them out of Egypt, provide for them, and show up powerfully on Mount Sinai, they betray him in a moment of panic. Yet, despite their rebellion God continues to bless and provide for them. Today Read **Exodus 32-34**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something from this week's sermon that caught your attention or left an impression on you?
2. Jody Owens highlighted how all of us have promised to God that we would follow what he says and live differently, yet we all struggle to keep that promise. What is a promise you have made to God but didn't keep?
3. The story of the golden calf highlights Israel's (and our) tendency to pursue the things that they want apart from God — to create our own idols and pursue self-serving things. In what ways do you still struggle with this today?
4. When are times in your life where you have felt distant from God? Why do you think you felt that way?
5. In Exodus 40:34-35, we see that the climax of the Exodus story is God being with his people and the people with God. We were created to be in God's presence, and Jody reminds us that the way we enter his presence is by confessing our sins and seeking his face. What is something that you need to confess this week? And how can you create time to be with God this week?

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