



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 32

Sin Destroys Everything

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The Nature and Danger of Idolatry

1. The Israelites had witnessed incredible miracles—the parting of the Red Sea, manna from heaven, God's voice on the mountain. How could they turn to idolatry so quickly? What does this reveal about the human heart?
2. In verse 4, the people called the golden calf "your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." How do we sometimes put God's name on things that aren't really Him? What does it look like to fashion God into who we want Him to be rather than who He is?
3. The sermon said, "idolatry is loving something or someone more than you love God." What are some common idols in our culture today? What might be competing for God's place in your own heart?

Waiting on God

1. The Israelites grew tired of waiting for Moses and wanted something tangible and immediate. When have you struggled to wait on God's timing? What helps you remain faithful during seasons of waiting?
2. The people had provision (manna, water, safety) but were "tired of being in limbo." Why is it sometimes harder to wait when our basic needs are met than when we're in crisis?

The Cost and Character of Sin

1. Aaron made excuses when confronted—blaming the people and downplaying his guilt (verses 22-24). Why is it so tempting to minimize or justify our sin rather than confess it? What's the difference between making excuses and true repentance?
2. The sermon emphasized that "sin exchanges truth for a lie" and "alienates us from God." How have you experienced these effects of sin in your own life?
3. Exodus 32 shows the devastating consequences of sin—broken fellowship, death, plague. How does understanding sin's true cost help us take it more seriously?

Moses as a Picture of Christ

1. Moses interceded for the people in verses 11-14 and again in verses 30-32, even offering to be "blotted out" for them. How does Moses's intercession point us to Jesus? What does this teach us about Christ's work on our behalf?
2. Verse 14 tells us "The Lord relented" when Moses prayed. The sermon said, "Don't stop praying, it might work." Who in your life needs persistent, intercessory prayer right now?

Personal Application

1. The sermon's main point was "Don't flirt with sin, kill it." What's the difference between flirting with sin and killing it? What would it look like to apply this more seriously in your life?
2. Aaron used the gifts God gave him (skill with metalworking) to create an idol. How can we ensure we're using God's gifts for His glory rather than for idolatry?
3. The passage shows both God's righteous anger against sin AND His mercy through intercession. How do both God's holiness and His grace impact how you view your own sin?

For Deeper Reflection

1. If you're struggling with a particular sin or temptation right now, what would it mean to "take it to the cross and kill it" instead of managing it or making excuses?
2. How does the hope of Christ as our intercessor (verses 11-14, 30-32) give you confidence when you've failed? How should the gospel change how we respond when we're caught in sin?