

Sermon Title: Exodus - The Covenant Sealed

Scripture Reference: Exodus 24

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What's one big experience or thing do you want to do before the end of summer?

Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application (Note - you will have to choose what questions you will use.)

- 1. Knowing the story: Can you as a group tell the story of Exodus from Moses up to Exodus 24?
- 2. We were told the covenant is an agreement created by God between God and His people. What parts of the covenant are you aware of that God included?
- 3. If you were assigned the task to come up with the critical ingredients of a covenant, between you and God, what would you include? What would you not include?
- 4. We live in a culture that puts a high value on individualism. We love the idea that "I can do anything I want", within my abilities. Consequently, we tend to be repelled against anything or anyone that might take that independence away.
 - What are the obstacles in this culture to acknowledging that God is to be obeyed?

- What are the obstacles in your life which keep you from obeying God?
- Lack of obedience and idolatry seem to be 1st cousins.
- 5. As a direct correlation, Exodus 20:3 states, "You shall have no other gods before Me." Randy referred to J D Greear talking about idol factories.
 - 1. An Idol is whatever we feel we cannot live without.
 - 2. Tim Keller said, an idol is behind our loftiest dreams, our scariest nightmares and our most unyielding emotions.
 - 3. What one thing do you hope is in your future?
 - 4. What is the one thing you most worry about losing?
 - 5. If you could change one thing about yourself right now, what would it be?
 - 6. What thing have you sacrificed most for?
 - 7. Who is there in your life that you feel that you cannot forgive?
 - 8. In what ways can these be idols in a person's life?
- 6. What does God want you to work on?

7. Closing prayer