

Exodus 18-20 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Ex 19:7-15 how did Israel respond to God (v7-8)? How would He reveal Himself and why (v9)? What was His instruction (v10-11, 12-13, 15) and their response to Him (v14)?

5. According to 19:16-19 what was Mt. Sinai like and why (v16, 18)? Where were the people (v17), what did they hear (v18, 19), and how were they affected (v16)?

6. From 19:20-25 who met on top of the mountain (v20) and what did God tell Moses (v21, 22, 24)? What was his response (v23, 25)? What do you think God's point was?

7. Read 20:1-7. List the first four commands (v3, 4, 7, 8-9) and the reason for each (v2-3, 4-6, 7, 8-11). What relationship do these center on—God or others? Explain.

8. Looking at 20:8-11 what was the fifth command (v8-10)? What was its basis (v11) and what does it mean? How should we apply this today (compare Heb 4:3-10)?

9. Using 20:12-17 what are the last five commands (v12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) and their meanings? Upon what relationships do these focus?

10. From 20:18-26 how did the people react to all of this (v18-19, 21) and what did Moses tell them (v20)? By what means were they to approach God (v22-23, 24, 25-26)? Apply.

11. Review Ex 18-20. What principles would govern the relationship between God and His people (Ex 19-20) and what was the basis of it (Ex 19)? How would they all receive justice (Ex 18)?

Scripture to Remember

“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:5-6 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Radical Resolutions-Part 3

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Begin by sharing how your goals for 2009 are doing. Why have you done well, or what kind of obstacles have gotten in the way?
2. Talk about Joseph's difficulties—relationships, temptations, circumstances, etc. Which of these do you face most often? Talk about the process of how we can access the Word, the Spirit and wise counsel for guidance in these times.
3. Look at Ps 121:5-8 and 1 Cor 10:13. How does God guard us in difficulties? Discuss how our response to difficulties gauges our character and grows us (see Jas 1:2-4).
4. What does “practicing the presence of God” mean to you? When do you sense that “the Lord is with you” and why?
5. Why is it important to practice the presence of God when you are serving, when you're being seduced, and when you are suffering? Discuss practically how to do this.
6. Think of one area where you are being tempted to give up right now. Why does this happen? Read Ps 37:4-9 and talk about how this can help us in this area.
7. Discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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God birthed a nation through suffering to save the world.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The long-running television crime drama, Law and Order, shows how justice is maintained from two perspectives. First, the detectives apprehend the suspects and then the district attorneys prosecute them. It is always satisfying to see justice upheld and relationships protected. Similarly, in this week’s study God provided the means for Israel to protect their relationships with both Him and each other. The dilemma of providing justice is seen in Exodus 18 as Moses sits all day dispensing justice to all of the people who come to him. This could not continue indefinitely because Moses would wear out. The solution arose as Jethro, his father-in-law from Midian, visited him with his wife and two sons. After celebrating God’s victory over the Egyptians, Jethro observed

Moses’ situation, and proposed that he delegate the dispensing of justice among judges of integrity who would be dedicated to as few as ten people. The second thing that God did to protect everyone was to define the relationship between Him and Israel. Law without the context of relationship can be very harsh, so God laid out the history of their relationship. He had defeated the Egyptians and “born them on eagle’s wings” to bring them to Him. Now He only asked that they would listen to His voice and obey Him so that they would be His treasured possession on the earth. They would be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He also presented the awe associated with His presence as He descended on Mt. Sinai amid smoke, lightning, thunder and earthquake. He

insured that the people understood both His love and His power as He declared the law to them. The ten “words” of the Law were gracious words, showing them how to relate first to Him, then to themselves, and to one other in ways that uphold the value of each relationship. They must worship no other gods or idols, or take His name flip-pantly. They must value the Sabbath, honor their parents, and refuse to abuse one another. Through these parameters God was able to provide justice in Israel so they could maintain the law and order.

Daily Study Questions for Exodus 18-20

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Exodus 18:1-12. Who came to see Moses (v1, 2, 3-4, 5-6) and why (v1)? What did Moses share (v7, 8) and how did Jethro react (v9, 10, 11)? What did the leaders then do (v12)?</p>	
<p>2. From 18:13-27 what did Jethro question (v13-14) and how did Moses answer (v15-16)? What was Jethro’s advice (v17-18, 19-20, 21-23) and what was the result (v24-27)? What can we learn from this?</p>	
<p>3. Using 19:1-6 what was Israel’s next stop (v2) and when (v1)? Of what did God remind them (v3-4) and what did he specifically offer to them (v5-6)?</p>	

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