

Exodus 24:1-8 Discussion Questions

1. This is a really important event in the life of the people of Israel. What has happened up to this point in the book of Exodus?
2. God gave his people his covenant law after he saved them from Egypt. What does this teach us about the nature of a covenant? How do we see this paralleled in the New Covenant?
3. After the people finished listening to Moses read the book of the Covenant (presumably all the commands listed in Ex 20-23), the people declared that "all the words that the Lord has spoken we will do" (v. 3).
 - a. Why do you think they agreed to the covenant?
 - b. Did God really expect them to keep the covenant?
 - c. Does God expect us to keep our covenant with him? In other words, does God really expect us to obey his commands?
4. God's covenant with Israel included commands that dealt both with how they related to God but also how they related to one another. In fact, when a community member was in sin it affected the whole and in extreme cases they were removed from the community, an act which everyone in their immediate circle participated in. Where do we see the same thing in the New Covenant?
 - a. What does this teach us about what it means to be part of the covenant community?
 - b. What does this reveal about how we ought to approach one another?
5. Practically speaking, how can we do a better job of looking out for one another and being concerned about other's relationship with God, both inside and outside the church?
6. Our mission statement says that we want to love people unconditionally. What does that really mean? What does that look like?

7. How does living in covenant with others help us to understand what it means to love people unconditionally in a biblical way?

a. Where are you currently struggling with being committed to others and being courageous to both confess and confront?

b. What steps are you currently or should you be taking to grow in these areas?