



Calvary Oro Valley

Wed. Night Discipleship Group Study

Wednesday, February 25th, 2026

Exodus Study #22

Exodus 20:18-26

1. Verses 18-19

- a. Why were the people afraid when they experienced God's presence at Sinai, and what does their response reveal about encountering a holy God?
- b. Why did they ask for a mediator instead of approaching God directly?

2. Verse 20

- a. Moses says, "Do not fear... that His fear may be before you." What is the difference between sinful fear and reverent fear?
- b. How can a right fear of God help us resist sin?

3. Verses 21-23

- a. Why is it significant that the people stood at a distance while Moses drew near to the thick darkness?
- b. What warning does God repeat about idols here, and why repeat it so soon?

4. Verses 24-26

- a. What do the altar instructions teach us about how God wants to be worshiped, and why does He forbid elaborate human effort in building the altar?
- b. How do these instructions point forward to our need for a true mediator and a better sacrifice?

Helpful Bible Study Resources:

- **Pastor David Guzik** – Visit www.enduringword.com and click on “Commentary” at the top of the page for verse-by-verse insights.
- **Blue Letter Bible** – Go to www.blueletterbible.org to read or listen to various commentaries (like Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee), explore multiple Bible translations, and use Strong’s Concordance for original Hebrew and Greek word meanings.
- **Pastor Jon Courson** – Access his teachings at www.joncourson.com. On the left-hand side, click “Topical and Expository Teachings Sorted by Bible Book” to find his verse-by-verse commentary.
- **Bible Hub** – Visit www.biblehub.com to explore classic commentaries from well-known Bible teachers. Just enter your scripture passage in the search bar at the top.
- **Crosswalk** – Another valuable site for Bible study and commentaries: www.crosswalk.com.

How to Study God’s Word Effectively:

Remember the simple yet powerful approach we’ve learned:

1. Soak in the Passage
 - Read the passage multiple times. Each time, pray and ask God to speak to you—inviting His Spirit to give you insight, clarity, and understanding.
2. Follow the O.I.A. Method:
 - **Observation** – Write down everything you notice in the text, even the simplest details. Don’t overlook the obvious—just note what you see.
 - **Interpretation** – What do those observations mean? Seek to understand the message and context of what you’ve written down.
 - **Application** – Based on what you’ve read and understood, how does this truth apply to your life? What is God calling you to believe, change, or do?