

Discussion Questions Exodus 32-33

The preceding chapters of Exodus have concentrated on the specific instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle and the consecration of the Priests so that God might dwell among His people and be worshiped correctly.

1. What did the manufacturing of the golden calf demonstrate about Aaron and the people? Why did the people demand the making of something physical to worship?

2. What decisions did Aaron make? Why does his decision-making seem out of character given the Israelite's experience of YHWH? What decisions have you made recently that might seem out of Character given your experience with Christ?

3. Read Exodus 20:4-7. What does this Commandment mean? How does it apply to us today?

4. It seems that the people had taken God's presence in the cloud surrounding the mountain for granted. What attitude had the people expressed in Ex 24:3 & 24:7? How was the true attitude of the people that demonstrated in their actions?

5. What was God's response to the people's actions? (See Ex 32:7-14)

6. What was Moses' response and what is the basis of his pleas to God? What was the ultimate result of the rebellion of the people against God?

7. What keeps a person from sinning? What keeps you from sinning?