

## Week 3// Wilderness and Worship

### *Exodus - Deuteronomy*

#### **Intro//**

Following two weeks in Genesis, this session covers the remaining four books of that make up what's known as the Torah. In addition to the epic adventure stories at the start of Exodus, the Torah contains the ten commandments and some of the core teaching that shaped the people of Israel. The various lists and laws, rules and regulations can appear obscure in nature or overwhelming in volume. However, this session explores how this part of God's story calls and equips us to adopt worship as a way of life.

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#### **Discussion Questions//**

1. In Exodus, God reveals his name as YHWH, meaning 'I Am' or 'I Will be'. What is the meaning of your name and to what extent does that fit with your own character?
2. James draws a parallel between Moses and the Exodus story with the life of Jesus. How might this link might inform how you think about God's character across Old and New Testaments?
3. Exodus includes a pattern of worship whereby God reveals himself, redeems (saves) his people before finally inviting them to respond.
  - a. Do you notice this pattern elsewhere in scripture?
  - b. Have you noticed this pattern in your own story?
4. The Torah talks about the Tabernacle as a place of meeting with God's presence.
  - a. In what places/spaces/circumstances do you most often tend to experience God's presence?
  - b. Have you found a 'tent of meeting' during the last several months of restrictions?
5. James suggests that Leviticus is all about forming 'a holy people.' How do you respond to the word 'holiness' and what might it mean to live distinctively in your current context?

## Reading Plan//

1	Exodus 13.17-14.31	Exodus
2	Exodus 19.1-20.21	10 Commandments
3	Exodus 32-34	Golden Calf
4	Leviticus 16	Day of Atonement
5	Leviticus 26	Obedience & Disobedience
6	Numbers 9	Passover at Sinai
7	Deuteronomy 6	Hear!