

Study Guide on Exodus 20:18-26

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Exodus 20:18-26

(Exodus 20:18) When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

(Exodus 20:19) and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

(Exodus 20:20) Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

(Exodus 20:21) The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

(Exodus 20:22) Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven:

(Exodus 20:23) Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

(Exodus 20:24) “Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.

(Exodus 20:25) If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it.

(Exodus 20:26) And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?