

Study Guide on Exodus 20:18-26

New Revised Standard 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 all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance,

(Exodus 20:19) and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.”

(Exodus 20:20) Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

(Exodus 20:21) Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

(Exodus 20:22) The LORD said to Moses: Thus you shall say to the Israelites: “You have seen for yourselves that I spoke with you from heaven.

(Exodus 20:23) You shall not make gods of silver alongside me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

(Exodus 20:24) You need make for me only an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.

(Exodus 20:25) But if you make for me an altar of stone, do not build it of hewn stones; for if you use a chisel upon it you profane it.

(Exodus 20:26) You shall not go up by steps to my altar, so that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.”

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?