

## ***Study Guide on Exodus 20:18-26***

### **English 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) Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

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

(Exodus 20:20) Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

(Exodus 20:21) The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

(Exodus 20:22) And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.

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

(Exodus 20:24) An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, 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) If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.

(Exodus 20:26) And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not 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?