

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

The Truer and Better Sacrifice – May 1, 2022

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

3 – Points of Sunday’s Sermon

- Yahweh is a Terrifying God
- Yahweh is a Dangerous God
- The Dilemma

I. Yahweh is a Terrifying God

- **Read and discuss** Exodus 19:16-20. What are some of the natural events Moses uses to describe God’s descent on Mount Sinai?
- In verse 16 Moses describes a thunder and lightning storm. Have you ever been caught in such a big thunderstorm that it scared you? Why do you think thunderstorms are both frightening yet at the same time captivating?
- How does a thunderstorm illustrate the awesomeness of God?
- In verse 18 it says that God descended on the mountain in fire. What does the fire teach us about God’s holy presence? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Exodus 3:2-3
 - Exodus 13:21
 - Exodus 24:17
 - Deuteronomy 4:12
 - Daniel 7:9
 - Isaiah 66:15
 - Hebrews 12:29
 - Revelation 1:14
- In Exodus 11 & 18 it says that God “descended” or “came down” on the mountain? How do we know that this is metaphorical language? What is this metaphorical language teaching us about God? Read Genesis 11:1-5 to help answer this question.

- **Leaders Cheat:** Pay attention to the same metaphorical language used in verse 5.
- **Verse 19** describes the sound of God's appearance at Mount Sinai. What do you think it was like? **Read Exodus 20:18-29** to help answer this question.
- **Read and discuss** Hebrews 12:18-21.
 - How does the author describe the scene at Sinai?
 - What do these verses teach us about God?
 - What do these verses teach us about our salvation?
 - What are we being saved from?
- **Read and discuss** Hebrews 10:26-31.
 - What is scary about this passage?
 - What does the author mean by sinning "deliberately?"
 - How should we think of those who sin deliberately "after receiving the knowledge of the truth?"
 - How does the warning of verses 30-31 discourage you from apostasy and spur you on toward faithful obedience?

II. Yahweh is a Dangerous God

- Have you ever thought of God as dangerous? Why or why not?
- **Read and discuss Exodus 19:20-25.** Why is God so concerned that the people may come too close to Him?
- What does it mean that God may break out against them? Read Leviticus 10:1-3 to help answer this question.
- How does the understanding of the severity of God's wrath spur you on to evangelize? Especially those we love?

III. The Dilemma

- What dilemma does Exodus 19 set up?
 - **Leaders Cheat:** How can a holy God dwell in the midst of a sinful people?

- **Read Hebrews 9:1-14** and answer the following questions.
 - Why is Jesus the perfect sacrifice for your sins?
 - How does Jesus' "once for all time" atonement affect the way that you view your relationship with him?
 - How does this truth anchor our hope in the security of our salvation and help us endure until the end?

- **Read Hebrews 10:19-22** and answer the following questions.
 - What does the author of Hebrews mean when he says that Christ has opened "a new and living way through the curtain?"
 - How do we enter the presence of God now?
 - Explain the role Christ's priestly work and sacrifice play in this new and living way.
 - Why are we able to draw near to the Father with a true heart and full assurance? How does Scripture affirm that Christians can have full assurance in their salvation? Give examples.

Announcements:

HOS Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, May 7 // 7am - Noon // COBC Parking Lot

Join us for a community yard sale hosted by Heritage Oak School. Each family/person can "rent" a space - just \$10 for a double wide space. Contact the school office at 661.823.0885 for more info or to reserve your space.

Baptism Class

Sunday, May 15 // 8:50am // Room 202

If you're interested in baptism or if you are ready to be baptized, we invite you to join us for this pre-baptism meeting to learn more about baptism and why it's an important step to take.

Taco Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, May 21 // 6pm // Chapel

Come eat tacos and support those going to Mexico! The fundraiser is to help offset costs of the trip (we have about 30 people planning to go this summer!) and so you can hear a little

more about what the Mexico trip is all about from some of those who have attended in the past and will be attending this summer. During the trip parents and students will be helping to build casitas for families in need who live in and around Tijuana, but more than that, they will be taught about global cross-cultural work from missionaries and teachers from Radius International. Dinner is \$15 for children, \$25 for adults. Get your tickets online at <https://cobc.churchcenter.com/registrations>.