

# 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 Renewed Covenant – May 21, 2023

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

### 3 Parts to the Sermon

- **God’s Response to Moses’ Request**
- **God Reinstates the Covenant Stipulations**
- **The Covenant Renewed**

### I. God’s Response to Moses’ Request

- What have you learned so far from Moses’ interaction with God in Exodus 32-34? Why are these chapters important?
- In Exodus 34:9 Moses has one final request. How is this request based off the proclamation God makes in Exodus 34:6-7.
- In Exodus 34:9, why does Moses include himself when he asks God to forgive Israel’s sin of idolatry.
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
  - *This is one of the many ways that Moses shows us the structure of salvation and thus points us to the saving work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our mediator. Although he was not a sinner, he took our sin upon himself so that we could receive forgiveness from God. Therefore, the way for us to escape God’s holy wrath and have our sins forgiven is to trust in Jesus Christ. - Philip Ryken*
- What does Exodus 34:6-7 teach us about God’s nature? How can these verses help us pray in a more biblical, godly way?

- How does God answer Moses' request in Exodus 34:10? Is God's answer surprising? Explain.

## II. God Reinstates the Covenant Stipulations

- **Read and discuss** Exodus 34:11-17. God is reinstating the laws of the Covenant, but why do you think He focuses on these particular laws?
- Why do you think God was so concerned with Israel making covenants with the people of the land?
- **Read and discuss** 1 Corinthians 15:33.
  - How does bad company ruin good morals? Do you have any examples of this in your personal experience?
  - Why do you think Paul starts this command with the warning, "Do not be deceived..."?
- **Read and discuss** 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.
  - Why does it take wisdom to apply what Paul is commanding in this passage?
    - **Leader's Cheat:** *this command is not just about marriage.*
  - When does interaction with unbelievers (for the sake of reaching them with the gospel) cross the line and become "unequal yoking"? Can you give some specified examples of this?
  - How do we keep the balance of being in the world but not of the world?
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
  - *The church must confront the world to fulfill the great commission given to us by our Lord. Yet, we must not compromise with false religion to do so. To disobey God's explicit command to separate from unbelievers is foolish, blasphemous, ungrateful, and forfeits God's blessings. - John McArthur*
- **Read and discuss** Exodus 34:18-23
  - According to verse 23 Israel was to travel for pilgrim festivals 3 times a year. How much effort, time and money would have been involved in doing this?

- Why do you think God commanded Israel to come together 3 times a year for celebration and corporate worship? What does this teach us about the importance of corporate worship?
- How does Exodus 34:18-23 relate to Exodus 34:11-17?
- **Read and discuss** Hebrews 10:24-25. What is the main command in these verses?
- How much time do you spend “thinking about” or “considering” how to stir up your fellow Christian brother to love and good works?
- According to these 2 verses, why are we called to meet together as Christians?

### III. The Covenant Renewed

- **Read and discuss** Exodus 34:27-28.
- How does God’s gracious renewal of the covenant set a pattern for His future interactions with Israel and their sin?
- How does God’s faithfulness to His covenant reflect the meaning of His name in Exodus 34:6-7?
- How does the faithfulness of God, despite man’s sin, bring comfort to you? Be specific on how God’s faithfulness, mercy and grace energizes your sanctification and Christian walk.

### Final Prayer

- *Your glorious majesty surround me, the blessed Trinity protect me, and the eternal Godhead preserve me. Your unlimited mercy support me; your loving kindness encompass me; your favor make me to rejoice; the eternal truth of God be my delight, the saving knowledge of Christ strengthen me, and the all-prevailing grace of God be sufficient for me. May the grace of God the Father lead me, the wisdom of God the Son be my consolation, and the power of the Holy Spirit enlighten me; Lord Creator, stand by me, my Redeemer, save me, and my Comforter, dwell within me. - Johann Habermann*