

EXODUS 32 / APRIL 27

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

The sermon passage was Exodus 32. Read Exodus 32:1–20, which captures some key themes. After reading, pray for God to open our hearts to discuss and apply these truths.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "The golden calf wasn't so much a replacement of God as it was a supplement to God."
- "An idol is anything you demand, in addition to God, to feel secure and happy and complete in your life."
- "The sin behind all our other sins (our root sin) is idolatry."
- "You become like what you worship."
- "Our sin and our idolatry created a poisoned cup of wrath for us to drink, and on the cross, Jesus drank it in our place."

Group Discussion

1. What stands out to you most in Exodus 32? How do you see fear, impatience, or forgetfulness influencing the people's choices?
2. In what ways do we attempt to "supplement" God, rather than replace him entirely, in our lives today?
3. "You become like what you worship." Where have you observed this truth at work, either positively when worshiping God or negatively with idols?
4. Aaron blamed others when confronted (32:21–24), mirroring the blame-shifting pattern from Eden. Why do you think blame-shifting is common, and how does it hinder our growth and relationship with God?
5. Jesus is our escape from idolatry, someone we can feast on and never go hungry (John 6:35). What concrete steps can help us keep Jesus central and allow us to actively "feast" on him daily?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ This week, identify one "golden calf" in your life, and share this with a close friend. Each morning, deliberately surrender it to God and declare your trust in him, rather than that idol.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to reveal any good things we've made idols, seeking from them the security or satisfaction only he can provide.
- ☐ Ask God to strengthen our faith during times of delay or uncertainty, when we can't see or feel his presence in our circumstances.
- ☐ Pray for transformation through worship of the true God, that God would make us more like Christ, rather than like the idols we are tempted to pursue.