

“Following Together” Discussion Questions

Week 9 – Responding When Jesus Speaks (Ex.19:3-8, 16-20, 32:1)

Instructions: This is **NOT** an occasion for teaching, but a time of mutual discussion and growth. Begin with 1-2 ice breaker questions. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Finish with a couple of application questions and prayer together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. Describe the situation when you first experienced the reality of God?
2. Have you ever felt burnt out doing “God’s work”? Why do you think this happened?
3. Is there something you found interesting or surprising from Sunday’s message?

Read Exodus 19:1-8, 16-20

1. What do you think it means to be God’s “treasured possession” and a “kingdom of priests” (vs.5-6)? Does this mean that God loved the Israelites more than those in the surrounding communities?
2. How do God’s people become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation? (see vs.5)
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What is the purpose of being a kingdom of priests and a holy nation? Do you think the Israelites understood this back in Exodus?
4. In vs.8, the people responded to the Lord, “We will do everything you said.” Do you think they were serious?
5. When has God’s presence been most real to you?
6. Read Exodus 32:1. Why did the Israelites ask Aaron to make a god for them? In other words, what could cause them to reject so quickly their promise to follow the Lord?
7. Often, we begin a new trajectory with the Lord with such excitement, but then we can quickly lose heart. Why do you think this happens?

Application

1. In John 15:5, Jesus says, “Apart from me you can do nothing.” What do you think this means?
2. What does it mean to “abide in Jesus”? How does this help us to follow and obey him?
3. Pastor Don said that “following Jesus is a change in focus from my story to his story.” How would you describe your story? Where does your story fit in Jesus’ story?
4. What stands out from today’s discussion that you need to apply to your own life?
5. Who does God want you to bless as a result of today’s discussion?
6. How can God use us together?

Pray Together