**Study Questions for Sunday Nov 29th: Exodus 19 : God meets the Israelites on Mount Sinai**

Worship ideas:

Invite the group to call out as many attributes of God they can think of and then use these as a basis of praise

Play a worship song as a basis for praise perhaps focusing on God’s faithfulness and love.

Word. Read chapter 19. We see 4 attributes or aspects of God in this passage:

**God’s promise**

Go back to Exodus 3:12 – what is the significance of this promise? How does it link to our passage today?

Share if you feel comfortable an example of God keeping his promise to you in a given situation, maybe many years later.

What promises of God are you holding onto at the moment?

*You could stop and pray for each other at this point for faith to hold onto God’s promises*

**God’s presence**

Look up Exodus 19:4 and 29:46. What is God’s desire for his people?

How is this taken a step further in the New Testament? See John 1:14, 14:23.

How do you respond to the idea of God dwelling in you? How can it help you in your day by day walk with God?

Can Christians be too busy with doing Christian things that they lose their sense of intimacy with God? How can you cultivate intimacy with God?

**God’s purity**

God tells the people to purify and prepare themselves before they can approach him – what do you imagine this might have meant to the first Israelites?

Why does God reinforce his warning to Moses in verses 20-24?

What verses in the New Testament can we draw on to help us understand how we too can be purified before God?

How can we reconcile the tension between the truth that God is a Holy God and the truth that Jesus opened up the way for us to come to Him? As NT Christians how do we view God’s holiness? Is there a place for a “fear” of God?

**God’s purpose**

Look again at verses 3-6. Notice the order of the words – that God brought the people to himself before he charges them with keeping his covenant. Why is that important? See Alec Motyer: “*already being within the covenant, the children of Israel were called to obey so that they might enjoy the benefits and privileges of Gods people…. Obedience is not our part in a two-sided bargain but our grateful response to what the Lord has unilaterally decided and done”.*

What was God’s purpose for the people of Israel? What is his purpose for us (see 1 Peter 2:9-10)? What does it mean in practice that we are a royal priesthood and a holy nation? How does it change how you view yourself?