



The Great Intercession

March 1, 2020

Sermon Discussion Guide

In our history lesson today, we're going to look at people who had seen God work powerfully in their lives to bring them freedom. They should have been grateful, and singing God's praises, but how quickly they forgot what God had done for them! The message is in two parts, then and now! We're going to look at what happened with the Hebrew people back then, under the Old Covenant. This will not be a traditional "Baptist" message with three points and a poem. It will be more of a teaching rather than a sermon as we will go verse by verse with the selections I've chosen from the readings for this week. There will be brief commentary with each section. Here's a summary of the first part of our message: the Israelites rebel against God, Moses intercedes three times, God shares His heart, and then makes a way for them to be forgiven! The second part will be towards the end of the message and will show the amazing parallels of our Old Testament passages with life today, now, and how Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of the Covenant promise! For the purpose of the small groups, and the discussion guide, I would suggest you read Exodus 32:1-24 and Leviticus 16:15-16 for the then section. For the now section, I would suggest reading Hebrew 7:24-28 and Romans 5:6-11. Refer to the sermon notes and other passages as needed.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text** - Exodus 32:1-24 & 31-35, Exodus 33:12-19, Exodus 34:6-10, Leviticus 16:15-16
Part 2 - Romans 6:23, 3:10-12, Hebrews 7:24-28, Romans 5:6-11
- Ask for someone to read the text aloud. Or you read the text aloud.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?