

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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## *Moses: Learning To Lead God's Way*

### **Lesson #10: Meeting With God**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

What do you find helps make your time with God meaningful?

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

Read Exodus 19:1-19

1. Read Ex 3:1,12 (Mount Horeb is another name for Mount Sinai). What does their being at this place reveal to Moses and the people about God?
2. Moses goes up the mountain to meet with God. What do His first words communicate? v 4
3. How would you summarize the mission statement God has for His people? vv 5-6
4. What was the people's response? What does this say about them at this point of their relationship?
5. How was Moses to consecrate the people?

*Note: Two things particularly prescribed as signs and instances of their preparation:—(1.) They must wash their clothes. It becomes us to appear in clean clothes when we wait upon great men; so clean hearts are required in our attendance on the great God, who sees them as plainly as men see our clothes. This is absolutely necessary to our acceptably worshipping God. Ps. 26:6; Isa. 1:16–18; Heb. 10:22. (2.) In token of their devoting themselves entirely to “religious exercises”, upon this occasion, they must abstain even from lawful enjoyments during these three days, and not come at their wives, v. 15. 1 Co. 7:5.<sup>1</sup>*

6. Put yourselves in the Israelites' sandals... how would you respond to “the volcano without lava?”
7. What can we learn from this about meeting with God?

Read Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29

8. What a contrast! How is our relationship with God different today?
9. Who is acting as our mediator similar to Moses? Heb 9:15
10. Therefore (v 28), what should we realize about God? What should be our response?

#### **APPLICATION**

- Chuck Swindoll suggests that a meaningful meeting with God requires (1) a place, (2) time, (3) God's Word, and (4) a journal. Are these in place in your life?
- What do you want to do to improve your time with God? When will you begin?

*In light of the majesty and awe of God we've seen in Exodus 19, perhaps it is time to examine how we view and approach God. Too many of us have a shallow concept of Him, and as a consequence, we have an anemic walk with God.*

*The Lord is not a kindly old grandpa or a neighborly buddy. Nor is He a rigid disciplinarian or a frigid legalist. He's the Creator... the Sustainer... also the Reconciler... He deserves our utmost reverence and obedience. When we grasp this truth in our minds and embrace it with all our hearts, then we are ready to meet God.*

*We may never experience an earthly encounter with the Lord the way the Hebrews did, and we were probably never meant to. But we can be better prepared to meet with Him in the spiritual sense.*

**Chuck Swindoll, Moses, p. 131.**

<sup>1</sup> Henry, M. (1994). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible: Complete and unabridged in one volume* (123). Peabody: Hendrickson.