



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

Date: May 20, 2018

Theme: The Golden Calf: Israel's Rebellion and God's Response

Passage: Exodus 32-33

Basic Movements of the Story:

Rebellion (32:1–29): People Create worship according to their own design rather than God's plan

Mediation (32:30–33:17): An innocent one pleads on the people's behalf for God to be merciful

Renewal (33:18–23): God chooses to act out of his goodness and grace to enter into relationship again.

Main Idea: God responds to his mediator by demonstrating his goodness to rebels who deserve his wrath.

Discussion Questions:

1. Look at Exodus 32:1–8. From the text, describe what sin (s) the people are committing. What commands are they breaking? What does this indicate about their relationship to God?
2. Why do we rebel against God when he has clearly worked to save us?
3. Compare and contrast the mediation that Moses accomplishes in this text with what Christ has done for those of us who have placed our faith and trust in him. What NT passages describe Christ's work in this way?
4. What does this story teach us about God and how he relates to us?

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