The Law fulfilled in Christ
3/8/26 -Pastor Zach
Exodus 32-34, Romans 7:7, 24-25,

Connect: What was your earliest understanding of the golden calf story? Have you ever made an idol out of something that was a gift?

Engage: Re Read 32- 34 What stands out to you in these couple of chapters?
What do you think about everything in the world be customized?
Have you ever had the thought about "the God I believe in would never .... What would He never do in your life?
What do you think of the quote by Martyn Lloyd -Jones, "You will never make yourself feel that you are a sinner, because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against to have some dim, glimmering conception of God."

Zach had 3 points:
1.Waiting ....We are tempted to make a god into something more manageable. Have you ever had to wait for something and then because it seemed to long – took matters into your own hands? What was that like for you?
Julie's quote: "if you let it, waiting leads to doubt and doubt leads to idolatry, it becomes all too easy to take matters into your own hands to for yourself, the thing you think will save you. God seems absent and suddenly you were worshiping your own means of salvation, the thing you shaped from your lack., What do you think of this quote? Where have you seen this in your life?

2. Idols are often built from God's own gifts.
Tim Keller, "the greatest danger is not atheism but idolatry – turning good things into ultimate things. Have you ever turned a good thing into an ultimate thing?

3. The survival of God's people depends on a Mediator
   Re read Exodus 34:6-7 How does it change you to know you need the mediator Jesus to go on your behalf? Does it make you more grateful to Jesus and what does that look like for you? What gives you the most comfort that God is just or that He is merciful?

Apply: What is the invitation for you this week? Where are you tempted to reshape God into something manageable in the last week?
Am I willing to trust God even when He feels distant or not showing up on our terms?