

**THEME:** The keys to covenant keeping are protecting and reinforcing identity.

**INTRO:** Choose an icebreaker question or activity to help build community.

**PRAY:** For God's grace to learn, repent, submit to Him, and grow in righteousness.

**READ:** Exodus 34

**READ:** Exodus 40:33-38

"So Moses finished the work. <sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys."

**DISCUSS THE TEXT:** These questions will help us dive deeper into what God has said to us through His Word, specifically what to believe, not believe, do, and not do (2 Tim 3:16-17).

- Knowing Jesus: What do these passages teach us about God and humanity?
  - O How does the book of Exodus end?
    - What do you think it would have been like for the Israelites to see God's glory come down and dwell in their midst, given the context of the whole book?
- Loving Jesus: How does this passage prompt us to pray to or praise God?
- Following Jesus: What does this passage require of me?

**APPLY THE TEXT:** These questions will help us to grow in applying the truths of God's Word to our lives. Encourage everyone to share honestly as we grow as disciples of Jesus together.

- How would you describe who God is to someone who isn't a Christian?
  - O How could Exodus 34:6-7 help with that?
- What about God's character is most precious to you?
- How do you respond to who God is?
  - Does God's character lead you to worship and draw near to Him like Moses? How so?

- What is true about your identity if you follow Christ?
  - How is God calling you to protect or reinforce your identity in Christ?
- What are the greatest threats in your life to protecting and reinforcing your identity in Christ?
  - o How do you need to battle these going forward?
- Where are you just going through the motions in the Christian life or in worship?
  - o How can you re-engage your whole heart in this?
- Are you currently in the God-promised process of being changed? If not, why not?
  - o How do you seek to behold God in your life?
  - O How have you most changed over this Knot season?

**PRAY:** Share prayer requests and praises and pray for one another. This is the last Knot material of the season, so feel free to spend extra time in prayer and to reminisce how God has grown you and been faithful to you over this Knot season.

- What has most stuck out to you as we've studied Exodus?
  - What is one truth you don't want to forget from Exodus?
    - How can you continue to apply this to your life?