



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 4.14.24
Exodus 24 // Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① How did you experience God through the solar eclipse? In your experience, do you feel as if you need major, emotional moments to feel closeness to God?

Pastor Rick said the word “covenant” many times in his sermon this morning.
Check out this video together on the covenants in the Bible.

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min): Watch the weekly sermon recap video HERE.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

- ② Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 discusses our calling into fellowship with Jesus Christ. In what ways does this fellowship influence your daily decisions and interactions with others?
- ③ Read Exodus 24:1-18. We learned that there are three vital parts to proximity to God:
1. The Book of the Covenant which shows us our sinfulness.
 2. The blood of the covenant which shows our forgiveness/cleansing.
 3. The bread of the covenant which invites us to relationship.

Discuss why all three are necessary?

1. What is the result if we have the book of the covenant, but not the blood?
 2. What is the result if we have the blood, but not the book?
 3. How do the first two affect our relationship with God?
- ④ Read Hebrews 9:19 – 10:4. How does the concept of sacrifice and atonement in the Old Testament prepare us to understand and appreciate Christ's ultimate sacrifice? What are the primary differences between the blood of animal sacrifices and the sacrifice of Christ?

- ⑤ Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to approach God's throne of grace confidently. How does understanding our access to God through Christ affect the way that we can access God in the day-to-day?
- ⑥ Read Revelation 3:20-22; 12:10-12; 19:6-10. What connections do you see between Exodus 24 and these portions of Revelation. How do these connections across the entire story of the world help your faith?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Opposed by Enemies, but God can Redeem From All Foes // Ligon Duncan](#)
- [Created to Draw Near // Ed Welch](#)

APPLY (30 MIN)

- What are some ways that have helped you be successful in practicing the presence of God?
- Identify one area in your life where you feel called to seek God more earnestly. What practical steps can you take this week to draw near to God?
- While we can access God in every moment of every day, a rhythm of regular solitude and fasting is a biblical method for restoring nearness. Would you be willing to practice fasting this week as a way to draw near to God?

PRAY (15 MIN)

- Reflect on God's laws and commandments. Ask God to help you understand His will more deeply and to strengthen your commitment to live in obedience to him.
- Consider the significance of the sacrificial system in Exodus and its fulfillment in Christ's sacrifice. Pray for a renewed sense of gratitude for the forgiveness and freedom that come through Jesus' blood.
- Think about how God invites us into fellowship with Him. Pray for opportunities to experience and recognize God's presence in everyday life, and ask for the desire and willingness to respond to His invitation.
- Reflect on times when you have felt close to God and times when you have not. Ask God to reveal Himself to you and to increase your awareness of His presence in all aspects of your life.
- Meditate on God's holiness and the privilege of being able to approach Him because of Jesus. Pray for the ability to approach God with both reverence and confidence in His loving acceptance.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

CVCYOUTH

Movin' On Retreat: April 26-28, 2024

CVCYouth will be heading out to Mohican State park for a weekend with all junior and senior students. This retreat is a time to begin transitioning the seniors into Young Adult ministry at CVC and equip the juniors to lead well for their final year in CVCYouth. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Men's Breakfast: May 11, 2024

You are invited to join come enjoy a cup of coffee and a free breakfast with men of all ages at our Broadview Heights campus on Saturday, May 11th. Feel free to invite a friend to join. You can register for the breakfast [HERE](#)



CVC YOUNG ADULTS

Hocking Hills Spring Retreat: May 31-June 2, 2024

All young adults are invited to enjoy a weekend away at Hocking Hills where they'll dive deeper into studying the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and have fun doing some outdoor activities.

Early bird registration is now open. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



SAVE-THE-DATES

- CVCYouth Movin' In / Movin' Up: June 1, 2024 (for incoming 5th and 9th graders)
- CVCYouth Frontlines Summer Camp: June 23-28, 2024