



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 5.19.24  
Exodus 32:15-35 // Rick Duncan

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

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① At the 8:00 service, Rick mentioned a story from when he was a teenager. He wanted to be a cool baseball player, so he tried chewing tobacco, which made him horribly sick. When his dad found him lying on the ground with stomach pain, he allowed Rick to suffer the consequences of his poor choices. Share a story of when that happened with you.

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

**Create Context (5 min):** View the sermon recap video [HERE!](#)

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

- ② The Insanity of Idolatry:  
Read Exodus 32:15-18 & 19-24:
  - Analyze Moses' response to the idolatry and Aaron's excuse.
    - What excuses, explanations, and justifications do you give when you want to minimize your responsibility for your own idolatry?
- ③ The Love of a Leader:  
Read Exodus 32:2-6 & 32:19-29
  - Rick mentioned that we tend to want leaders that will make us feel good. Compare and contrast Aaron's leadership in verses 2-6 with Moses' leadership in verses 19-29.
  - How does Moses' anger demonstrate his love for God and the people? Discuss the symbolism of breaking the tablets and making the people drink the ground-up idol.
- ④ The Purification of the People:  
Read Exodus 32: 28-29:
  - What was the result of the Levites' actions, and how did it purify the people?
  - Moses' challenge to the Israelites showed his commitment to leading them towards purity. Read 1 Timothy 5:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:13, Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:19-20, 1 Corinthians 5:9-11, and Matthew 18:15-17. Discuss the importance of correction within the family of God.



**5** The Guidance of God:  
Read Exodus 32:34a.

- Despite the people's sin, how does God show His mercy and grace? Discuss the promise of the Promised Land and the role of God's guidance in our lives. How does the promise of a future Promised Land help us stay faithful?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [10 Things You Should Know About Church Membership // Alexander](#)
- [How To Expose the Idols In Your Life // Carter](#)
- [We Become What We Worship // Beale](#)

## APPLY (30 MIN)

- What modern idols might we be tempted to worship today? How can we identify and forsake them? (hint - use the article above. It's really good!)
- Reflect on the consequences of the Israelites' sins and 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.
- Discuss the seriousness of God's judgment and the necessity of obedience to the gospel.

## PRAY (15 MIN)

- Pray for strength to resist the allure of modern idols.
- Pray for the leaders of your church as they seek to guide and guard the congregation from sinful behavior.
- Pray for increased purity of thought, word, and deed within the body of CVC.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 5.19.24

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

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### CVC Women's Breakfast: June 1, 2024

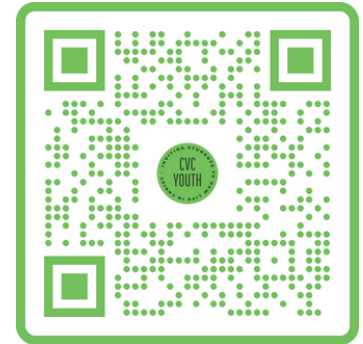
Ladies, mark your calendars! It's time for our next Women's Breakfast at Cuyahoga Valley Church - Broadview Heights Campus. Join us on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 - 11:30 am in the Worship Center. Mark your calendar, set a reminder on your phone, and get ready for a morning of fellowship, inspiration, and fun. Click [HERE](#) to register.



## CVCYOUTH

### Movin' In / Movin' Up: June 1, 2024

CVCYouth will be hosting their annual Movin' In & Movin' Up events on June 1st. Movin' In is for all incoming 6th grade students and Movin' Up is for all incoming 9th grade students. This is a great event for students to meet middle school and high school leaders and learn more about CVCYouth.



## SEND/SERVE

### Loose Change For Life

CVC Broadview Hts. is partnering with the Cleveland Pregnancy Center again this year to collect loose change between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Even a little goes a long way when it comes to helping save the lives of the unborn. Grab a baby bottle from the foyer beginning on Mother's Day and bring it back with your loose change on Father's Day! To donate online, [click here](#).



## SAVE-THE-DATES

CVCYouth Frontlines Summer Camp: June 23-28, 2024