

- 6) Use your own words or phrases to summarize the Ten Commandments' instructions about how we ought to treat one another. Who, in particular, will you ask the Lord to help you treat in this manner? (Guard against slandering this person when offering your answer in group discussion. It may be best not to give the person's name.)

Read Exodus 20:18-26.

- 7) In Exodus 20:20, Moses told the people, "God has come to test you..." Consider the context in which these words were spoken (from 20:18, as well as chapter 19) and the goal of the test stated in 20:20. What was the test?
- 8) Israel received a revelation of God on Mount Sinai that was new to them. God's children continue to experience new revelations (understanding or insight) about His character and will as we study His word and grow in our faith. How are such new revelations also tests for us? What new revelation about God is currently testing you?

Read Questions 9-10 below. Keeping them in mind, skim Exodus 21-23. These chapters record "The Book of the Covenant" (see Exodus 24:7). It is the *civil law* the Lord gave to govern His people.

- 9) Give six or more examples of how the civil law encouraged the Israelites to live honest, loving, and holy lives.

- 10) Cite specific phrases in the Book of the Covenant that express graciousness or mercy.

11) Consider that the following two passages bring the Book of the Covenant into focus:

a) Exodus 21:23-24 gives a law of retaliation that promotes equity. How does this law summarize the attitude of all the other laws?

b) In Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus summarized the entire law with two principles. What are these guiding principles?

Read Exodus 23:20-24:18.

12) From Exodus 23:20-33, summarize the list of things the Lord said He would do if His people listened to Him and obeyed.

13) What does Exodus 24:7 have in common with Exodus 19:8 and 24:3?

14) What sealed the covenant between God and Israel, according to Exodus 24:8?

15) Read Deuteronomy 32:46-47, Psalm 1:1-3; 19:7-8; 119:1-8, 97-106, and James 1:22-25. What attitudes toward the Law (the word of God) are expressed? Do you share these attitudes? Why or why not?