

THE LITURGY OF SINAI • EXODUS 24:1-11

The scene portrayed in Exodus 24:1–11 contains the "Order of Worship" for the first corporate worship service of the Israelites. Here we witness the sealing of the covenant between God and his people, as Israel is called to worship, read the Word of God, symbolically cleansed by blood, and feast in the presence of God. No wonder these verses have even been described as "some of the most astonishing verses in the Old Testament." This "Liturgy of Sinai" also has much to teach about the worship of God as his people today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the most meaningful two elements of our worship service to you right now?
- 2. The "Liturgy of Sinai" includes four major elements we discussed. Where do you see those four movements seen in our liturgy?
- The two main elements of this worship service revolve around "the word of God" and "the blood of the covenant." Discuss why each of these were so significant for Israel, and for us today.
- 4. There were three major areas of response given: drawing near, obedience, and remembrance. Which of those responses are most important for your next steps of spiritual growth? How can the group help encourage you and hold you accountable?

PRAYER

Pray that we will draw near, pursue obedience, and be people who remember the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf.