

Israel: Origins

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A Time for Action

Exodus 19:1-8

1. Church is back in person on October 4!! Are you planning to join us? More importantly—if you are—who are you inviting to join us? It's going to be work to get back into the rhythms of church, so I encourage you to invite some new friend to start back at the routine with you! Talk with your group about some folks you might reach out to!
2. It's officially FALL! Which season do you like the best, and why is it the fall? But seriously, what are your favorite things about the fall? What's something you are looking forward to?
3. What's your favorite Disney movie? Favorite Disney character?
4. **Google a picture of the Sinai wilderness to give you some perspective on the scenery Israel encountered.** Do you think this would be an imposing place to stop your journey to MEET GOD? Why or why not? Why do you think God would choose a place like this for such an encounter?
5. For Israel, coming to terms with their past meant coming to terms with the fact that they hadn't accomplished much of their own strength—God worked for them. Coming to terms with their more recent past meant admitting that they weren't very good at trusting this God—even after some pretty miraculous action on their behalf. What does coming to terms with your past mean for you? What are the things you've wrestled with for your health, or the sins and failures you've had to give to God?
6. "Will we let WHO we are be determined by WHOSE we are?" What does that mean to you? What does it mean to be KNOWN as a child of God in the world? Or as a Christian? How does that change the way we interact with our world?
7. Have you ever had a "Mountain Top Experience" where you KNEW something in your life was about to change? A time when you KNEW there was no way around it? Have you ever had one of those experiences where you could clearly sense God in the workings? If so, tell us a bit about it.
8. "Israel agrees to ALWAYS be attentive to the voice of God in their lives—to constantly be listening and willing to go where God calls or sends...". What does it look like to commit to your faith in that way? How might that change the way we live day to day? Are there some practices you can take up to hear God's guidance in that way more clearly or regularly?
9. **"We are to become for the world what Jesus has been for us."** Break down the fullness of what that means. What might that demand of us? What is something specifically in your life this statement might call you to do?