

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of June 5-11

Exodus 20:22-26 and 23:10-19

Synopsis: God, who brought Israel out of the land of slavery, wants his people Israel to follow certain clear standards of behavior. From times of worship and feasting, to times of rest and work, the Israelites are to honor the Lord with every bit of their life.

Into The Bible

1. In your understanding, what does God's reminder (v. 22) that he talked with them from heaven have to do with the remainder of the passage?
2. Why do you think God desires that the altars made for him be made of dirt or uncut stones (20:24-25)?
3. What are several possible applications of 20:26 for today?
4. Notice the set Feasting schedule and required attendance by all the males (at least). What is the difference, if there is one, between God establishing this required faith calendar and Parkside or another church establishing one?

5. How are we as New Testament believers to think about the sabbath year?

6. Briefly outline the case that was made for church membership.

Application

7. Notice that the desired result of the Sabbath rest is that workers (and even animals) will feel "refreshed." How refreshed do you feel at the start of your week?
8. How do you observe Sabbath principles in your life (23:10-12)? What are some ways you would like to improve?
9. What are your thoughts on church membership? Are you a member? Do you think it is biblical?