

Summary

The sermon focuses on Exodus 32, where Moses intercedes for the Israelites after they created and worshipped a golden calf while he was receiving the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. The pastor explores three main themes: the gravity of sin, the power of prayer, and the grace of God. Through Moses' bold intercession, God relented from destroying the Israelites, demonstrating both the seriousness of sin and the effectiveness of prayer.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts to understand the power of prayer and the gravity of sin. Help us to be bold intercessors like Moses, standing in the gap for others. Guide our discussion and help us apply these truths to our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Have you ever had what you would consider a 'terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day'? What made it so challenging?

Key Verses

1. Exodus 32:7-14
2. Exodus 33:4-6
3. John 3:16-17
4. 2 Peter 3:9

Questions

1. Why do you think the Israelites turned to idol worship so quickly after experiencing God's miraculous deliverance?
2. How does Moses' bold intercession for the Israelites demonstrate the power of prayer?
3. In what ways does sin create separation between us and God?
4. How do you typically approach prayer? Do you view it as a formal ritual or a conversation with God?
5. What does this passage teach us about God's character, both in His judgment and His mercy?
6. How can we balance understanding the gravity of sin while also embracing God's grace?
7. What can we learn from Moses about interceding for others in prayer?
8. How might this passage change the way you pray for those who don't know Christ?

Life Application

This week, identify 3-5 people in your life who don't know Jesus and commit to praying for them daily. Like Moses, be bold in your prayers and persistent in your intercession for their salvation.

Key Takeaways

1. Sin is a serious matter that arouses God's anger, invites His judgment, and separates us from Him
2. Prayer is a powerful conversation with God that really works, even if we don't understand how
3. God's grace is evident even in His judgment, offering opportunities for repentance
4. We are called to be intercessors for others, especially those who don't know Christ

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your grace that bridges the gap between our sin and Your holiness. Help us to be faithful intercessors like Moses, standing in the gap for others. Give us boldness in prayer and persistence in seeking You for the salvation of those we know who don't know You. May we never take sin lightly but always trust in Your power to save. In Jesus' name, Amen.