



**SESSION 9**  
**Rebellion**  
**EXODUS 32:1-14**

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## CENTRAL TRUTH

Worshiping anyone or anything other than the one true God is rebellion.

### Exodus 32:1-6

Consider the Central Truth listed above. Then read Exodus 32:1-6 and answer the following questions.

**.03 WHAT DID THE PEOPLE ASK AARON TO DO FOR THEM (V. 1)? WHY?**

**.04 WHY MIGHT THE PEOPLE HAVE ASKED FOR MAN-MADE GODS? WHAT DID THIS COMMUNICATE ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

**.05 WHAT DID AARON SAY ABOUT THE GOLDEN CALF (V. 4)? WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF IDOLS STUDENTS TODAY ARE TEMPTED TO WORSHIP?**

### Exodus 32:7-14

Read verses 7-14 and think through the following questions. Share your answers with a friend or with your group and discuss.

**.06 WHILE THE ISRAELITES SUCCEEDED, FOR A TIME, IN HIDING THEIR IDOLATRY FROM MOSES, THEIR ACTIONS WERE NOT HIDDEN FROM GOD (VV. 7-8). WHY DO WE FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THINKING THAT WE CAN HIDE THINGS FROM GOD?**

**.07 WHAT DID GOD TELL MOSES HE WAS GOING TO DO IN RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE'S IDOLATRY (VV. 9-10)? WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD?**

**.08 HOW DID MOSES RESPOND TO GOD'S CLAIM THAT HE WOULD DESTROY THE ISRAELITES? WHAT DID MOSES ASK GOD TO REMEMBER (VV. 11-14; SEE ALSO NUM. 14:17-20)?**

**.09 MOSES INTERCEDED FOR ISRAEL. HE INTERVENED, HE SPOKE UP IN HOPE OF SECURING MERCY FOR THEM. HOW DOES HIS PRAYER LOOK FORWARD TO JESUS?**

**.10 DID GOD CHANGE HIS MIND (V. 14)? WHY OR WHY NOT? HOW MIGHT KNOWING THAT GOD "RELENTED" FROM THE DISASTER HE HAD MENTIONED BRINGING UPON THE ISRAELITES MOTIVATE US TO PRAY?**



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## Now What?

These questions are designed to help you apply the Scripture and what you've learned to your own context—your school, town, neighborhood, in your family, etc.

**.11 IF WE HOPE TO UNDERSTAND HOW GOD WOULD HAVE US LIVE, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE FIRST UNDERSTAND WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE IS LIKE?**

**.12 WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE SAY ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL VIEW OF GOD? HOW MIGHT THE WAY YOU LIVE NEED TO CHANGE TO ACCURATELY REFLECT WHO GOD IS AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE?**

**.13 WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON IDOLS IN YOUR SCHOOL OR AMONG YOUR PEERS? WHICH TEMPT YOU THE MOST? HOW MIGHT WE OVERCOME THESE IDOLS?**

**.14 WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT PRAYER FROM MOSES' PRAYER FOR ISRAEL? WHY IS IT CRITICAL THAT WE REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISES AND HIS CHARACTER WHEN WE PRAY?**

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## Personal Challenge

**Dwell.** Reflect on times in your life when you have been rebellious, whether to a teacher at school or to your parents. You may have been in trouble for a short time, but think about the seriousness of rebelling against God. These consequences are much more severe and we need to be mindful of anything in our lives that we tend to worship or put value in other than God.

**Memorize.** Exodus 32:13

**Pray.** Begin by putting yourself in a posture of humility and worship, somewhere quiet perhaps where you can kneel to pray. Ask God to reveal to you any idols in your heart or life and be open to the Spirit and where He leads you during this time. Pray for God to protect your heart and to draw you ever closer to Him in prayer and Scripture reading this week.

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## Keep on Digging

**What is worship? Read these key verses and passages to see some accounts of worship in the Old Testament.**

- Hannah's worshipful prayer (1 Sam. 2:2)
- David's thankful worship (2 Sam. 7:21-22)
- David's song of grateful worship (1 Chron. 16:31-34)
- Nebuchadnezzar's attitude of humble worship (Dan. 4:37)
- Mary's prayer of praise (Luke 1:46-55)