

“Getting Close to a Scary God”
Hebrews 12:18-29

Ice Breaker:

What sort of words would you typically use to describe being with God? (Fun, Awesome, Relaxing, Comforting, Overwhelming, Boring, etc.)

Read: Hebrews 12:18-29

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Recall a moment in your past when you felt particularly close to God. Does that experience resonate with how Hebrews 12 describes our approach to God?
3. When you think about Israel’s relationship with God, do you tend to think of it as like, or unlike, your relationship with God? In what specific ways?
4. How does Jesus perform his role as mediator between you and God differently than Moses did? What difference does that make to you?
5. Many people think Hebrews 12:18–29 is the “climax” of Hebrews. What connections can you think of between the many portions of Hebrews that we’ve looked at over the past few months and this climactic portion?
6. Hebrews 12:18–21 clearly refers to Exodus 19-20 and Deuteronomy 4-5 (God on Sinai and the giving of the Ten Commandments). But the claim that “even Moses said ‘I’m terrified!’” comes from Deuteronomy 9, which tells the story of the golden calf. Why do you think the author of Hebrews might have brought the golden calf into his description of Sinai?

Spend time praying for one another.

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1. The Climax of Hebrews

2. God is Scary

3. Get Close Anyways