

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 2
**EXODUS 19, 24,
25:1-16, & 40**



1. Opening Icebreaker: What is one thing that surprised you in today's reading (or lecture)? What confused you? What inspired you?
2. What do you think it means for something to be *sacred*? What are some things you consider to be sacred? Do you have positive or negative associations with the word?
3. Bonus question: How is sacredness related to holiness? Are they the same, or does each word mean something different to you?
4. How do you tend to react when told what to do by someone in authority (rules, laws, etc.)? What is the difference between true authority and someone being domineering?

5. Leviticus continues the narrative of Exodus and is rooted in the Sinai narrative. What do you remember/know about the experience of Israel at Sinai?
 - a. What do you know or remember from previous study about the importance of mountains and wilderness in Holy Scripture?
 - b. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like?
 - c. What images or emotions do the descriptions of Mount Sinai in Exodus raise for you?
6. There is no mention of monarchy or kingship in either Leviticus or Exodus (except for Pharaoh, of course). What does that tell you about the Lord God's relationship to his people in these books?
7. Leviticus and Exodus both focus on the experience of the *community* rather than individuals. How has community helped you draw closer to God in your life? How does living in community pose challenges to your faith?