

January 10
Exodus 23:20-33

Big Idea: As we follow Jesus, our greatest trap will be idols.

Remember

Take some time to talk through the Big Idea from Sunday and the passage.

What are some thoughts that stood out to you from the sermon?

Deepen

At this point in Israel's story, they have been delivered and are still moving forward. God speaks to them and gives them some warnings and promises.

Look at Exodus 23:20

What are the promises that God is spelling out for His people in this verse?

Examples:

- *God has sent an angel before You- This angel leads the way - and goes "before Israel"*
- *"To Guard" - The angel is a protector of the Israelites*
- *"to bring you" - This angel leads the way to where the Israelites are going*
- *To the "place I have prepared"- God had covenanted to take His people to the promised land.*

What are some parallels to these observations within the new covenant that God has made with His people?

Example:

- *God is not only leading us to a heavenly kingdom, He is also leading us to abundant life here on earth.*
- *He has sent his Holy spirit to go before us - leading and guiding us*

Gratefully there is pardon for sins because of the Work of Jesus Christ on the cross. His pardoning work was accomplished completely for those who will believe.

What was God's call for His people as they were advancing into the promised land? Look at Exodus 23:23-24 (God was calling them to blot out the Idols in the land.)

God did not want them to only take over the land, but warned them to only worship Himself.

Transform

Look at 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

What idols would God warn your heart beware?

In What temptation do you need to know that God is faithful to deliver and provide a way of escape?

*Where do you need to repent from idols and return to Christ?
CG Leaders give opportunity for confession and repentance.*

Take some time for repentance and prayer. Ask your group if there is need for intercession for a specific struggle during the divided time.