

### Further Digging

**I. A covenant is an agreement between 2 people or 2 groups of that involves promises on the part of each to the other. It formally binds 2 parties together in a relationship.**

- a.. What does God promise to do (and what has he already done) for his people in the Mosaic Covenant? (Ex. 19: 4-6, Ex. 20: 1-3, Deut. 6:1-3)
  - b. What do God's people promise to do for him in the Mosaic Covenant? (Ex. 19:8, Ex. 20:1-17, Ex. 24: 7-8.)
3. How does Jesus change the way you view obeying the law this side of the cross? (Rom. 8: 1-4)

### II. Read the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:1-17

- a. What strikes you as you read the commandments today, perhaps for the umpteenth time?
- b. What do you learn about God's character?
- c. What do you learn about who you were made to be?
- d. Do you feel challenged and/or encouraged by any particular commandment? Tell God about it.

### III. Galatians 5:1, 13-15. \*Note: In 5:1, the yoke of slavery refers to slavery to the law.

- a. Where in your life might you tend to move toward the yoke of slavery to the law?
- b. Where might you tend toward self-indulgence as you experience freedom from slavery to God's law?
- c. How can you grow in loving your neighbor as yourself? How do you already do this well?

### IV. Reread Exodus 19: 16-24 and Hebrews 4:14 – 16

- a. Compare how the Israelites approached God with how we approach God. What is the key difference?
- b. What does it mean to approach God's throne with boldness? How do you do that? How can you grow in that?