



SMALL GROUP LESSON
OCTOBER 1, 2017

MOUNTAINTOP FELLOWSHIP
EXODUS 24:1-2 and 9-11

Have you ever been invited to a really nice party, a special occasion where you and perhaps some of your best friends were honored guests? Well, that's what took place when the Lord invited Moses and the leaders of the Israelites to meet with Him on the Mountain of God. He had invited them to step into His presence and to enjoy a fellowship meal with Him. It was an opportunity to celebrate what had just taken place. The people of Israel had entered into a covenantal relationship with the Lord. They could now dwell in His presence because He was their God.

1. Who was invited to meet with the Lord on Mount Sinai? Why were they invited and how close were they allowed to come as they climbed into His presence?
2. What did these people see when they climbed the mountain and how would you describe what they saw?
3. What kind of food do you think they ate and drank when they met with the Lord and why was that important?
4. Read Hebrews 10:19-22. What does this passage of Scripture tell us about our relationship with the Lord and the possibility of gaining access into His presence? Should we be fearful or confident or perhaps a little of both?

Digging Deeper:

Centuries later the prophet Ezekiel had a similar experience by the river Chebar, where he was living as an exile during the Babylonian captivity. It is recorded in Ezekiel 1:1-28. Take a few moments to read this passage of Scripture, especially verse 22. It's a much more detailed description than what is recorded in Exodus. Do you see any similarities to what Moses and the leaders of Israel experienced on Mount Sinai? Now turn to Revelation 4:1-11, especially verse 6. Could it be that each of these accounts provides us with some clues as to what heaven is like? Most assuredly, it is truly an awesome place with an even more awesome God seated upon His throne.