

Weekly Discussion Guide – 1-19-2025

“Awe Replacement”
Exodus 32:1-8, Psalm 145

Opening Prayer: Our God and King, help us through the sermon and study this week to place You and keep You at the center of our lives. Help us engage, connect, be curious, be authentic, and grow in faith. Amen.

1. Read Exodus 32:1-8. Why did the Israelites feel the need to replace God with a golden calf?
2. What are some “golden calves” (things, ideas, relationships, or habits) that you have turned to for comfort, security, or attention when you have felt distant from God? How has a misplaced sense of awe led to negative consequences in your life?
3. How have you seen other things replace God at the center of Christian community?
4. Read Psalm 145. List some of the things God wants to do and be for us according to this psalm. According to this psalm, how can we actively place God back at the center in Christian community?
5. Reflect on the last time you felt genuine awe in worship or in nature. What is it about God that caused you to be in awe?
6. How can cultivating a daily habit of conscious gratitude help replace distractions or idolatrous awe with a focus on God?
7. What are some simple and practical steps you can take individually to put God at the center of your life in your day-to-day living?
8. How can the Christian community help you keep God at the center of your life and keep your sense of awe directed toward Him?

Closing prayer: Awesome God, You are the source of every good thing and the center of our lives. You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Help us “commend Your works to every generation.”