

This week we spent time in the Golden Calf incident (Exodus 32-33v6). We noted, of their idolatry, that rather than the people creating a 'new god' to worship, this is more the story of them re-shaping God into the kind of 'god' they wanted.

We focused on (1) Israel's idolatry, (2) God's anger and (3) Moses' mediation.

- In what ways do we slip into a kind of golden calf mentality where we seek to shape God into the kind of god we want him to be?
- Why do you think God is so angry with his people? How does he punish them? Why do you think he tells Moses what he plans to do? How does this relate to us?
- What can we learn from Moses' mediation? How do we see Moses' mediation pointing us forward to Jesus? In what ways is Jesus better?