

## **The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God's People**

### **Chapter 5: New Commands and a New Covenant**

As you read, take note of the cast of characters. Write a short descriptive to help you remember.

Write any notes or questions you have.

Review the questions on page 475 in your book to prepare for discussion in class.

Class discussion:

How were the people to prepare themselves to meet with God? In the wilderness God presented himself in thunder, lightning, and flame. What other images can you think of that God describes his presence?

What does this story tell you about the character of God?

What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments? What role do these commandments play in your life with God? Should and how can they play a more significant role?

How can God be both a merciful forgiver of sin and the punisher of the guilty?

The Israelites got impatient and made themselves a golden idol. What are some false gods/idols worshiped in our society today? Why do you think it is so easy for Israel to slip from covenant affirmation to idolatry? What can we learn from this?

The Lord spoke to Moses "as one speaks to a friend." What can we do to gain a deeper understanding of who God is?