

Shavuot 2023

Discussion Guide

Readings: Exo. 19:1-20:23; Deut. 14:22-16:17; Eze. 1:1-28, 3:12; Hab. 3:1-19; Acts 2

1. Read through one or more Shavuot passage and summarize it.
2. What insights or questions do you have regarding anything in the passage?
3. Why did Shavuot come to be connected to the giving of the Torah?
4. In Exodus 19:2, the nation is referred to in the singular rather than the plural: “it camped,” rather than “they camped.” Rashi explains that they camped “with one heart,” being particularly united. How is the idea of unity connected to the revelation of God and the receiving of the Torah?
5. Our Jewish brothers and sisters obviously place great emphasis the importance of the Torah to the fullness of life and our relationship with God. What can the Believer add to their understanding in this area? What does Yeshua add to our understanding of and walking out of Torah?
6. What pitfalls have you found in your life of Torah observance?
7. What connections can you think of between the book of Ruth and the mo’ed of Shavuot?
8. What can we do practically to set apart this mo’ed as holy and engage with God on it?