

TREASURED

A STORY OF POWER, PRAISE & PRESERVATION

Life Groups Discussion Guide

July 14, 2019

YAHWEH'S TREASURED POSSESSION, Exodus 19:5-6

CONNECT

1. Read Revelation 5:9-10 aloud. This is who God is making us. What thoughts and emotions run through your mind as you consider this future that's awaiting us? Keep these words in mind as you go back and study Exodus this week.

CELEBRATE

2. Three times in Exodus 19, Moses travels up the mountain to meet with God. Do you have a private place you go to meet with God? If so, share briefly what those experiences are like for you. If not, take a few moments to figure out a place where you can begin meeting with God privately.
3. God did not speak to Moses until Moses went up the mountain. Likewise, James 4:8 says that as we first draw near to God, He responds by drawing near to us. Based on this, who has the responsibility for building intimacy with God? What implications does this have for your life?
4. God is the great liberator, delivering Israel from the most powerful nation on earth. Read Exodus 19:3-6 again and identify at least four things it teaches you about who our God is. Give Him praise for who He is!
5. In Exodus 19:4, God calls the Israelites to remember what He has already done for them, before revealing new things. What has God already done in your life? Take a few moments to share your stories. (If you don't know where to begin, start with the time when God saved you. If you have never asked Jesus to save you, make today the day! God is the great liberator.)
6. When God saved Israel from Egypt, it was unconditional. He saved every Israelite. But now Israel's unique identity and influence would be conditional. Exodus 19:5 hinges on "if." How does this compare to our relationship with God and our role in the world today? (Consider Matthew 7:21, Luke 6:46, James 1:22).
7. God calls Israel to be a "holy nation." What did this look like for them? How does this compare to the way God calls us to live holy lives today, both as individuals and as a community of believers?
8. Peter borrows from Exodus 19 in 1 Peter 2:9-10. Read these verses aloud. What do they tell us about who we are as believers? What do they tell us about what God has in mind for us and our lost world?

CONTRIBUTE

9. God's covenant with Israel is both internal and external. Internally, He wants a relationship with Israel personally. Externally, He wants Israel to reach out to the nations as a kingdom of priests. Likewise, today God wants a personal relationship with you and He also wants you to reach out to others.

- This next week, how can you grow closer with God?
- This week, how can you reach out to those around you?

Take time to think, pray over and plan how God wants you to do each of these.