

From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #11
lead up to Jan 20th

Digging into Exodus 19

1. Read through the whole of **Exodus 19** together then share your initial observations & responses.
 - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention, surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?

Exodus 19 marks the arrival of Moses and the Israelites to Mt. Sinai – where God had met Moses in the Burning Bush. The events that take place at Mt. Sinai are of prime importance in the formation of Israel as God’s people. This chapter is both a preparation for and prelude to the covenant commandments about to be given, as well as a holy pause to clarify the goal of God in saving Israel.

2. With this in mind – **re-read vs.4-6** a few times aloud in different translations – with particular attention to God’s ultimate goal in saving Israel (and us).
Then read **1 Peter 2:9-10** and **Rev 1:6** as well.
 - *What do these passages teach us about what the goal of God’s saving work in our lives?*
 - What difference does it make to share this goal and vision for our lives?
 - Is this encouraging? Daunting? Explain.
3. Let’s dig into this passage more - **vs.4-8**. Have someone read the passage again aloud with the following basic questions in mind:
 - What does God say He has done for the people?
 - What does God say He will do for them?
 - What is their responsibility and obligation?
 - How do the people respond?
 - More personal: Where does this speak to us? What aspect(s) of this do we need to lean into more deeply, and why?
4. Finish with **vs.4-6** again – and read these verses two more times – out loud – slowly – with a listening heart to where God might be speaking personally to each of us.
 - What word or phrase seems personal for you?
 - What word or phrase seems personal for us – as a community – in this season?

Let this lead you into prayer:

Take a few minutes to pray together in response to what God has voiced through this story.