

Discussion Guide

questions to help start or continue conversations about faith

Discussion Guides accompany [the weekly message](#).

Passage: Exodus 19:1-9; 17-20 (key verses: 19:6, 20)

Observation (look at the text):

- 19:1-9 – How long had it been since the Israelites had left Egypt?
- 19:1-9 – Finish these sentences God told Moses to say to the people:
 - “You yourselves have seen...”
 - “Now if you obey me fully...”
 - “...you will be for me...”
- 19:17-20 – Where did Moses go, and where did God go, to talk together?

Interpretation (understand what it means):

- God calls the Israelites His “treasured possession, ... a kingdom of priests ... a holy nation.” Why is it important, or what does it mean, that He’s adopting them BEFORE giving them His law?
- Why is it significant that this people heard directly from God BEFORE they were obeying the law and living like God wanted them to?

Application (apply the Word of God to life):

- God doesn’t wait for us to get our lives in line before calling us to Himself. Why not? Is that just a random order of things, or does it mean something?
- If we aren’t required to live a certain way to be in God’s family, why should our lives look different when we become disciples of Jesus?
- In what specific ways does our behavior or lifestyle change?
- If you don’t have to live a certain way to be called by God, is there anything necessary or required on a person’s part to become part of God’s family, to be His treasured possession? If yes, what?

