

# The Journey: "Doing Life with God"

## Exodus 19: 1-5, 10

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### Discussion Questions

#### Warm Up

Check in to see how everyone is doing. Were they able to practice last week's message?

To whom did they show respect? Did they keep their communications honest and real? Did they take someone's good advice?

#### Passage

<sup>1</sup> In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession...

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow.

1. Have you read Exodus before? If you have, did it strike you as odd that after all the prayers made for God to deliver them out of Egypt on multiple occasions Israel yearned for the "good old days" when they lived in Egypt? Why did they yearn to return to their old bondage?

*"We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted."* Numbers 11:5

2. Reflect on this statement: *"The things that hold us in bondage are also the things that give us a level of security."* Give some examples of this.
3. When stressed, what do you tend to turn to for relief and a sense of security?
4. When you first met God what were you clinging onto for security that God wanted you to give up? Has God enabled you to give something up recently that was becoming a barrier to your relationship with him?"
5. Reflect on the scene where Israel is sitting in a lush pasture at the foot of Mt. Sinai, waiting to hear the Word of the Lord.
6. *"Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!... So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess."* Deuteronomy 5:29, 32-33

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What's the purpose of the Law? Do most people view the Bible from this perspective?

7. What's the difference between a God-rescued life and a God-led life? Which life are you living?
8. Find the story about Mary and Martha in the Bible. Read it. Who do you relate to more? Are you more like Mary or Martha? What would it take to move from being a Martha to a Mary?
9. Martha tried to entice Jesus to fight her battle for her, but Jesus refused. Have you seen people try to use the Pastor, Personnel, friends, family to attack another person rather than going to the person to work things out?
10. *"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."* Matthew 6:21 You'd think it would be the opposite! You'd think that our treasure would follow our heart. Why doesn't it? Why does our heart follow what we treasure?
11. Why does God love us so much? What has he invested in us? Using this as an example, what can we do so our treasure is in the Lord?
12. Final thoughts.

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