



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ
Exodus 19:4-6
Deuteronomy 28:1-24

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Do you think that you are so familiar with the story of Moses that you may have missed some key points? Was anything Chris said this Sunday new to you, or did anything surprise you?
2. Why is it important to recognize that the Exodus, and God's covenant with Israel, was a fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Abraham? (See Genesis 15:13-16 and Exodus 2:23-25)
3. What is significant about the fact that God saved His people and brought them to Himself (Exodus 19:5-6) *before* giving them the law (Exodus 20)? Have you noticed this order before? What does this suggest about our relationship with God and our attitude towards His instruction?
4. What did it mean for Israel to be God's "treasured possession"? Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. Compared with Exodus 19:5-6, what does this say about *our* role in the world as Christians? What would change if you began to see yourself in this light?
5. The covenant came with blessings and curses for either keeping or not keeping the covenant. If you had experienced the Exodus and the parting of the Red Sea, and then had these blessings and curses laid out for you, how well would you be able to keep all of God's commandments laid out in the covenant He made with Israel? What does this tell us about ourselves? What does this tell us about the big story of the Bible, and the kind of saviour that we really need?