



WEEK 7 | *EXODUS 19-24*

THE ONE WHO SETS APART

God has now rescued his people from slavery to Egypt, but his plans for them don't stop there! Israel is set apart to play a special role: to be a kingdom of priests, standing between God and all the other nations.

The catch? In order to represent the heavyweight God to the nations, Israel will need to obey their God's weighty commands.

KNOWING GOD IN EXODUS

Read Exodus 19:1-8 | The Job Offer

1. How would you describe the role Israel has been saved to play on the global stage?
2. How did Israel respond to the job offer?

Read Exodus 19:9-23 | The New Boss

3. What new perspective does this passage give on what it means for Israel to be 'holy'?

Read Exodus 20:1-21 | The Job Description

4. How might these 10 commands from God enable Israel to do their job?

Read Exodus 21:22-36 | The Spirit of the Law

5. Reading through these commands, what is their common objective?

In the context of a more brutal world than ours, God's instructions were designed to ensure that his people didn't take their God, or their responsibility to represent him to the world, lightly. That means love God (commands 1-4) and love neighbours (commands 5-10). All the other commands are expansions on that. The vulnerable are to be protected and avenged, and those injured are to have justice.

KNOWING GOD IN JESUS

Unfortunately, Israel failed to live as God commanded them to. They took his words and their responsibility to represent him to the world lightly. This culminated in their taking the 'God become man' Jesus lightly and rejecting him. But even in this, God had a new plan for a new people...

Read 1 Peter 2:4-12

6. Instead of being descended from Israel, what is the new criterion for being a part of God's new special people?
7. How is this similar to Israel's role? How is it different?

FEEL THE WEIGHT

8. How much weight do you give to God's purpose in saving you?
9. Do you see **bringing Glory to God** as the most important purpose of your life?
10. How could your way of living help others feel the weight of God?

Being saved by Jesus doesn't mean we can do whatever we want. We were saved to represent our God to the world, by doing good deeds that will bring Him glory and declaring the praises of the one who freed us from slavery to sin and darkness and brought us into his light.

Pray for each other, that we would treat our privilege of being God's representatives with the weight it deserves.