

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****The Lord of Glory**

EXODUS 19

**OVERVIEW**

God's chosen people are in Egypt. Not only that, they are enslaved. Against the backdrop of God's promises in Genesis—that God's people would be in God's place—the current situation seems dire. Has the Lord forgotten his promises? The story of Exodus reveals God's faithfulness in redeeming his people from bondage into his presence. The way out? Not by human might. By faith in God's promise to deliver through a blood sacrifice. The Lord does all of this so that all people might know he is the Lord and his people might rightly fear him, worshipping him in all things. The Greek title for the book (or shall we say, this chapter of the Pentateuch) is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit, departure or going out."

**APPLY // EXODUS 15-18**

**Main Idea:** Forgetting past grace leads to present grumbling yet the Lord still gives grace.

1. Summarize Israel's attitude in Exodus 15:22-17:7.
2. Why are the people grumbling?
3. Why are we too tempted to forget God's past grace? What are some ways we can remember God's past grace?
4. What are some aspects of God that you're tempted to grumble about?
5. What are some aspects of others, even fellow church members, you're tempted to grumble about?
6. How does the Lord's grace shown to us in Christ quiet our grumbling and fill us with gratitude?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // EXODUS 19**

**Main Idea:** The purpose of God's deliverance is to bring his people to himself and make something special out of an utterly undeserving people

1. Read Exodus 19.
  - a. Observations
    - i. Repeated words: people (21 times), Lord (18x), Moses (14), mountain (12), all (8), up (8), come (7), said (7), out (6), Sinai (6).
    - ii. The relationship between the people and the Lord takes center stage.
    - iii. The setting remains at the mountain through the whole chapter, but Moses keeps going up and down.
2. What's the context for chapter 19? What has happened just before this chapter?
3. Where does verse 2 tell us the people are now? What's significant about this mountain? See Exodus 3:12.

4. What does God tell Moses to tell the people? Why does God tell Moses to do this?
5. What does God mean that he carried them on eagles' wings?
6. What does the end of verse 4 say? What's significant about God bring Israel to himself? What does this tell us about the character of the Lord?
7. Notice the "therefore" at the beginning of verse 5. What's significant about the ordering of these verses?
8. What is God's covenant that he wanted them to keep? How are they to keep it?
9. What three things does the Lord promise his people?
  - a. What does it mean they'd be his treasured possession? A kingdom of priests? A holy nation?
  - b. What's the significance of these promises given the events of chapters 15-17?
  - c. How are these promises fulfilled in Jesus / the new covenant? See 1 Peter 2:9-10.
10. In verses 7-8, how did the people respond to God's instructions? What if anything is significant about the fact that they responded together?
11. What were God's reasons for coming to the people in a dense cloud?
12. What did God not appear to them directly?
13. What does God tell the people to do? Why?
14. What was the purpose of putting boundaries around the mountain? Why is there such a severe penalty for cross these boundaries? What does this tell us about God?
15. What happens in verses 16-24? Why all the spectacles of thunder and lightning, smoke and fire?
16. Why would the Israelites be tempted to 'force their way through to see the Lord'? (v.21,24)
17. What role does Moses take throughout chapter 19? How does this point us to Jesus?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** Are there areas of grumbling in your life of which you need to repent?