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Text: Exodus 19:1-6, Exodus 20:1-17

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Exodus 19 begins after God used Moses to lead his people, Israel, out of slavery in Egypt. At Mount Sinai, God begins to establish a new covenant (binding agreement) with Israel through Moses (The Mosaic Covenant). Exodus 20:1-17 lays out what has come to be known as the 10 commandments, which were God's moral law for Israel.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Recap: In what three ways (relationships) were humans intended to be image bearers of God? What happened to that?
- 2. Exodus 19:5-6 makes the covenant contingent on Israel obeying God and keeping his commandments. Who set these standards? Was Israel able to keep up their agreement? Why/why not? What did that mean for them? What was the good news promised in Luke 2, and for whom was this good news intended?
- 3. Who was given the priestly vocation in Exodus 19:6? Read Philippians 2:9-12. Who is receiving the priestly vocation now?
- 4. Discuss how Israel was supposed to be obedient in worship, in societal living, and on mission. Spend some time talking through each of them. Reference Isaiah 49:6. How are we, the Church, supposed to be obedient in the same three areas? How do we have any hope of doing these well? Reference 1 Peter 2:9-12.

Reflection: In which area (worship, societal living, and missional living) do you need to ask God to change you?