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# life together

SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **Main point from Sunday's sermon (Ex 19-23):**

Grace motivates God's redemption of us and our obedience to Him! Now let's RECAP:

## **Re-Read**

Re-read Exodus 19-23 (or 19:1-20:17; 23:20-33).

As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

## **Evaluate**

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

**1.** (19:1-20:2) Why are we to obey? *Answer:* His redemption of us! / **2.** (20:3-23:19) What are we to obey? *Answer:* His word to us! / **3.** (23:20-33) How are we to obey? *Answer:* His provision for us!

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

## **Citations from the Church**

*"Many, in their day-to-day existence, rely on their sanctification for justification, drawing their assurance of acceptance with God from religious performance," Richard Lovelace.*

Define justification and sanctification. Remember, justification: a one-time declaration of innocence; sanctification: a life-long process of growing in holiness. Do you agree? In what ways do you see this happen in your own life? How do you fight it?

*"When the Lord's people cannot rise to His*

*requirements, He doesn't lower His standards to match their abilities, but rather He transforms His people," Alec Motyer.*

Where in the Bible do we see this happening?

How many examples can you list? As it pertains to the Law and God's demands for perfection, how is this remedied given our sin and inability to keep the Law perfectly? Why does it matter that Jesus was 100% man and 100% God? Tempted in every way yet without sin? A perfect substitute?

## **Application or Advancing the Gospel**

Exodus 19:4-6 contains: 1. What God has done (v4), 2. What He requires (v5a), and 3. What He promises to do (vv5b-6). How is this fulfilled in Christ and applied to the church (see 1 Peter 2:9-10)? What are the implications of this for us?

Does thinking about the Law of God as privileges of being part of the covenant community of God change your view of the Law? Why or why not?

Are the 3 uses of the Law helpful for you? How? Remember: 1. Curb: restrain evil (Rom13), 2. Mirror: knowledge of sin, need for Savior (Rom3:20), 3. Sign: how to live God-pleasing life (Jn14:15).

What does grace-motivated obedience look like to you?

## **Praise**

No strength of nature can suffice, to serve the Lord aright; and what she has, she misapplies, for want of clearer light.

To see the Law by Christ fulfilled, to hear His pardoning voice, changes a slave into a child, and duty into choice.

How long beneath the Law I lay, in bondage and distress, I toiled the precept to obey, but toiled without success.

Then to abstain from outward sin, was more than I could do, now if I feel its power within, I feel I hate it too.

*"Love Constraining to Obedience," Wm Cowper*