

## Scripture and Background Information for June 10-16

Group members should use these scriptures to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns in our new Discussion Guide. This assignment should take less than 30 minutes.

**Before Sunday, June 17**, we would like each group member to personally study Exodus 19:3-6 and to discuss it as a group.

**For your group to discuss during the week of...**

<b>June 10-16</b>	<b>Exodus 19:3-6</b>
<b>June 17-23</b>	<b>John 17:20-25</b>
<b>June 24-30</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 3:12-18</b>

### Background Information for Exodus 19:3-6

In our series *The Ology of Doxology*, we are examining how God's glory is interwoven throughout the story of Scripture, and how He invites all of his people into this story. In 1954 McKinney Church was begun with a purpose: To individually and corporately reflect the glory of God outwardly in our city and our world. But that's not just the McKinney story. It's a calling we share with all Christ-followers of all time. Reflecting the glory of God to every corner of the globe is a God-given calling that is fundamental to our faith.

Under the leadership of Moses, the nation of Israel has been released after 400 years of slavery in Egypt. On the first day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of their deliverance (Exodus 19:1), the people arrive at the Desert of Sinai and set up their camp before a mountain where they would stay for the next 11 months (Numbers 10:11-13).

In this place God will make a covenant with the people -- confirming their special relationship with Him and their calling to represent him. A "covenant" is much more than a casual promise that we make to a friend which we might later renegotiate or even cancel. This covenant is a commitment that flows from God's character as unchanging and all powerful.

**Exodus 19:3-6 has been called "the very heart of the Pentateuch\*" because these verses contain the very essence and purpose of the relationship that God created with Israel.**

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\*"Pentateuch" means the first 5 books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy. The word comes from two Greek words that mean "five books" or "five scrolls." These are the books written by Moses that tell the history from the creation of the world until the death of Moses.