

### Group Reflection Questions

1. What comes to mind when you think of the word “priest?”
2. What is God’s reasoning in asking for their obedience?
3. How would you describe your spiritual journey? Mountainous, Western Kansas, circular, zig-zag, 2 year-olds drawing, other?
4. Is your soul getting weaker or stronger?
5. Offer one new insight you’ve gained through this study in Exodus. Has that insight caused you to change something in your life?

### What Does God Want?

#### Exodus 19:1-6

This is the passage we’ve been leading up to for the last 12 weeks. This is what God says: “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” So far the journey we’ve been taking with the Israelites has been a difficult circuitous journey. If God’s ultimate plan is to lead the Israelites to the promise land, he is taking them on about the longest journey possible. However, if His plan is the develop their souls, it is just the right length.

More than anything else God wants to be in relationship with his people, i.e. to develop people into priests. He wants it so badly He will eventually send His Son so we might become priests too (1 Peter 2:9). Actually we are told in Revelation 5:9 that we as followers of Jesus will worship Jesus in heaven as a nation of priests for eternity.

Soul building is a long circuitous journey. But this is the goal: That we might worship the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. That we might know God in our inmost being.