

Holy: A Line in the Heavens “A Holy People”

Text: Exodus 19:1-6 & 1 Peter 2:9-10

Purpose: In this passage, God instructs Moses that his people are a “kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” The Apostle Peter repeats this in his letter (1 Peter 2:9-10). Through the work of Jesus, by the grace of God, God crosses the line that separates us from the Creator of the universe to initiate relationships with us and redeem for himself a people set apart in the world. And yet, we often struggle to live out our calling as a holy people.

Opening Interaction: When have you most felt connected to a team or group of people? (e.g., family, group of friends, a project team at work, sports team, etc.). What brought you together?

Read and Discuss: Exodus 19:1-6 & 1 Peter 2:9-10

- In these passages, what details seem important? What jumps out at you?
 - What are the authors communicating to their audiences?
 - What do these passages teach us about God?
1. Individually: How has the gospel personally impacted the way you view your identity as one of God's Holy People? Can you share a recent example of how this understanding has influenced your daily life or decisions?
 2. Locally: In what ways do you experience being part of God's Holy People within our local church community? How can you contribute more effectively to fostering a sense of holiness and unity in our congregation?
 3. Globally & Eternally: How does knowing you are part of God's global and eternal Church shape your perspective on current world events or the struggles of other believers around the world? How might this influence your prayers or actions?
 4. Challenge & Encouragement: Are there any specific areas in your life where you struggle to live as part of God's Holy People? How can our group support and encourage one another in overcoming these challenges?
 5. Application: Considering Colossians 3:12-17, what is one practical step you can take this week to "put on" the characteristics of God's Holy People in your interactions with others, both inside and outside the church?

Close with Prayer