



THE STORY

Chapter Five: New Commands and a New Covenant

A NEW COVENANT

1. God is not just going to bring them back to Him. But they are going to be His _____ !

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 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.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:3-6 NIV

2. **Three Conditions for God to Live Among People TODAY**

I need a place to _____

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 3:16 NIV

We need some _____

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

It's got to be _____

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:10 NIV

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- 1) What has impacted you the most in the first five chapters of The Story?
- 2) In Exodus 19, God makes a new covenant with people of Israel. He rescued them, He is now going to bring them to himself and He calls them his _____.
- 3) Have you ever felt that way? His treasured possession? When and what happened? If you answered no, why do you think that is the case?
- 4) John said there are three conditions for God to live among us today. Do you remember what they are? Which one is the hardest for you to grasp or understand?
- 5) Jesus' blood is the ultimate cleaning agent. Do you really believe that? Why or why not?

FURTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON PAGE 475 IN THE STORY.

