

## Lesson 2 - The Proposal - Leader Guide

*Leader – If you would like to reach out to your group ahead of time with some Scripture to read prior to attending, we recommend Exodus 19-20 and 1 Peter 2:9*

Opening Discussion:

*Leader - Open with Discussion on the desert*

- “The desert is a metaphor for life.” What does that mean? Flesh this out as a group.
- Open it up for a few minutes for anyone to share their desert experiences...maybe pick someone ahead of time to share if you are confident of someone’s story in your group or share your own!

Play Introduction/Hebrew words Video (0:00 – 4:25)

Read Exodus 19 aloud, as a group.

*Leader – Have one person read or one person per verse.*

Restart Video (4:25 – 15:25)

*Leader – Pause as directed (at 15:25) to read the following verses and discuss.*

*Hopefully participants will share their impression of God and His laws. Many of us have negative connotations that we associate with God and His rules...that He is a legalistic, strict, kill-joy. The verses read will hopefully help change that perspective and get us to align more with the Hebrew understanding of God’s commandments.*

- Read Psalm 1:2, Psalm 119:70, Psalm 119:97, and Psalm 119:174.
- Discuss your impressions of “the law” from your background or from the church.
  - o Do these impressions fit how the Psalmist describes his relationship to the law?
  - o Why do you think there is such a discrepancy for most of us?
  - o Does reframing the law of God as wedding vows change how we view God and relate to Him?
  - o Do you see your relationship with God as a marriage? Are you in the marriage?

Restart + Conclude Video (15:25 – End)

Post Video Discussion: *Leader - Hopefully participants will embrace the identity laid out in Exodus 19 and 1 Peter 2:9. If we can hear God proclaiming this amazing identity over us, His most special possession, His partners, and a nation of priests, we can embody the call to be on mission for the sake of the world!*

Look up 1 Peter 2:9 and Discuss

- What does it mean that we are God’s most special possession and what are the implications of that?
- What does it mean to partner with God?
- What does it mean to be a nation of priests?

- Are you functioning as a priest in your everyday life? How are you putting God on display or standing in the gap on behalf of others?
- What does this verse say is the mission of the church?
- What are the outcomes of not just entering this marriage for ourselves but entering the marriage for the sake of the world?
- How do desert seasons prepare us to partner with God and be on mission for the sake of the world?

*Leader - As we wrap up, let's remember our role as priests and the incredible identity that God speaks over us – his Segulah – his most treasured possession! In light of who we are and what we are called to do are there any specific prayer requests that come to mind as we step into priesting this week? Let's pray for each other...that God would give us daily opportunities to stand in the gap and represent him to our communities.*