

**Be Reformed** – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

**Be Charismatic** – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

**Be Community** – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

**Be Missional** – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

## Exodus 19:1-6

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

## ALSO READ:

1 Peter 2:9-12

Titus 2:14

Jeremiah 13:1-11

## Study Guide 28 Nov 2010 – Grace and God's People



### Summary

God's people are a community. We are not primarily a collection of individuals but a nation, a priesthood, a people.

There is past grace which we see when God chose us (in the passage, Israel) for no reason except that His love was great. We ourselves have no benefits or worthiness to add to God.

There is future grace, which we look forward to – the work of God calling people to Him and saving people from every nation – His plan from the very beginning.

There is present grace also, where we see that God promises to be in our midst because we, by grace, obey Him and submit to Him.

Since we are His people, we should be urgently and eagerly looking for opportunities to share the gospel, bless others and build them up, so that we may be a garment of fine linen – a beautiful piece of clothing that brings attention and glory to the one we clothe – Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Key points

God's people are a community and how we live out our community should reflect this.

### Explanation

>>If God chose us, does that make us valuable?

>>What should the local church be like?

>>What aspects of the community of Christ testify the most to God's character and glory?

### Application

>>How can we minister to others with what God has equipped and blessed us with?

>>What do you think our church (RHC) needs to do to better glorify God and what is our role in that change?

### Final thoughts

Let us zealously and urgently seek ways to minister to others, speaking God into their lives so that He may be glorified.