

**Acts 2 Community
Study Questions**
The People of God
Exodus 19:5-6; I Peter 2:9

Overview: The goal this week is for group members to understand how the church is called to be more than a body, but a holy people, set apart for God's work.

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:5-6
I Peter 2:9*

Getting Started

When was a time that you felt completely set apart or different from others around you? What was the situation? How did you feel?

This week, Charlie's sermon discussed the identity of God's people throughout the Bible. Are there certain groups of people that you most identify with? Why?

The purpose behind this question is to help group members begin to think about the reasons why people identify with one another. For example: certain interests, values, life goals.

Digging Deeper

In Exodus 19:5-6, God reiterates His covenant with Israel through Moses. According to this passage, Israel is to live out a communal identity (a collective, shared, and public identity) as God's "holy nation."

Read I Peter 2:9. In this passage, Peter ascribes the same calling to the church today. What does it mean to be a "royal priesthood," "holy nation," or God's special people? With does this mean for us as a church?

Application

On Sunday, Charlie talked about our calling as the church to live out a communal identity. We

are not called to live life alone, but in an intentional, Christ-centered fellowship with other believers. In what ways do you currently live community-focused?

When we are living out our calling as the church, people will begin to notice. When others encounter you, they will be encountering Christ. In what one area of your life could this be most challenging?

As an Acts 2 Community, what is one practical way that we can live out this calling to be a holy people, set apart from the world?

If you're not in an Acts 2 Community, joining one is a great way to begin living out a communal identity with other believers!

We want to challenge people to consider whether they are living out their faith on their own, or in a communal relationship with other believers. An Acts 2 Community is a great place to begin!

Conclusion: *In the same way that Israel was set apart by God, we too, as a church are called to be a holy nation, set apart from the world, living a life set apart for God's use.*