

## 6. Acts 10 — Lightbearers to the Gentiles

Exodus 19

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)*

God called a community of people out of darkness into His wonderful light so that they would be able to lead others to Him as light-bearers in the dark. But, first Israel needed to know the light herself. God used Moses to accomplish the task...

### A Community Born — Exodus 7-18

- The baby forms in the Egyptian womb
- Labor pains (the plagues) — Exodus 7:5; 8:10; 9:14; 14:4,18; 12:38
- Birth of the baby (through the Red Sea) — Exodus 6:6-7; 14:31
- Infant care (pillar of cloud or fire; manna, water from a rock) — Exodus 13:22

### A Community Called — Exodus 19:1-19

- Treasured by love — Deuteronomy 14:2
- Priests by calling —
- Holy by lifestyle — Exodus 19:7-19; 20 and after (The purpose of the Law was to help them know what holiness is—how to live life so they would be a holy and separate people who could represent God well to the rest of the blind world.

### A New Community Commissioned — Acts 2, 10

The 10 commandments were given to Israel, not to the Church. We can learn from them about holiness. But, our best example of what holiness looks like is Jesus. We find out what a holy lifestyle for a New Testament Christian looks like in the New Testament writings.

God’s mission for His people is the same. Represent God to the world who is calling people out of their darkness into His wonderful light. We are the people of God with the message of God—our message now includes salvation by faith in Jesus Christ.