

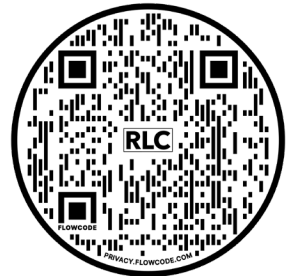


## REAL LIFE CHURCH

*Helping people know and become like Jesus.*

### OPERATION FILL THE KITCHEN

We're excited for all the ways we can use the kitchen for ministry this year but first we need to fill it up! Please scan the code to go to the amazon registry full of the items needed to outfit the kitchen. There are items of every price range to make it easy for everyone to participate!



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### SUPERBOWL PARTY

February 13, doors open at 3pm. Bring football watching food or snacks to share and join us for our first SUPER-SIZED Super Bowl party! Not a big football fan but love a good get together? No problem, COME! The Well will be open and full of people playing games and hanging out.

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### TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday February 25 at The Well Coffeehouse. From 6pm to 8pm we will pack in Pullman's, nay, the world's most knowledgeable people and host a competition of wits. All are welcome to come and participate, whether you have a team or make new friends that night. And make sure to follow @thewellpullman on Instagram because there will be a poll to determine the topic and you can cast your vote.

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### NEW HERE?

Join us Sunday February 27 for a free VISITOR'S LUNCH. Come meet the team and hear more about our church in a fun casual setting over lunch. Childcare is available - Please Register at <https://churchteams.com/m/Register.asp?a=dk9ZdE54NkNWdmM9> or use the QR code on the right.



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# DISCOVER YOUR

## **Exodus 19:3-6 New International Version**

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."

## **For further study on your own:**

### **God brought the Israelites to the desert to be with them.**

#### **Exodus 29:45-46 NIV**

45 Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. 46 They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Scan through Exodus and Deuteronomy to find all the ways God was with or among his people in the desert.

### **God takes a suitable helper for Himself.**

Many people recognize Mount Sinai as the location where God gave the ten commandments to Moses, but most, even among those who call themselves Christians, fail to recognize the significance of what took place between God and his people there. To some, the Ten Commandments are merely a list of Gods dos and don'ts. Few realize that the Ten Commandments are a brief summary of the formative, life-changing covenant God established with his people at Mount Sinai.

That covenant defined and affirmed God's relationship with Israel. Similar to the way God gave Eve to be Adam's suitable helper in caring for creation, God claimed Israel to be his suitable helper in the mission of redemption. Although the text does not specifically label God's revelation of the covenant on Mount Sinai as a wedding, the language and customs of marriage in ancient times appear throughout the story. The marriage language used highlights the love and intimacy God desired in his relationship with Israel. The image conveyed is that at Mount Sinai the Lord took Israel to be his bride!

Dig deeper: Exodus 6:7; 19:3-6; Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 2:1-2, 31:32

God brought Israel to the desert to give them a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Exodus 19:4-6 New International Version**

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- In English a Kingdom = The geography or physical territory where a king reigns.
- In Hebrew Kingdom = Not just geography. It's everywhere the king is obeyed. Where His will is being done.

Salvation comes by grace - the Kingdom is an \_\_\_\_\_ of those saved by Grace as they do God's will.

# OUR MISSION

There are 2 characteristics that define a priest:

1. Mediates = Represents

2. Holy = Set Apart

Obey me and keep my covenant = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

But that was for Israel. What if we're not Jewish?

### **1 Peter 2:9-12 New International Version**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

### **Numbers 15:37-40 New International Version**

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God.'

If you want to hear the whole inspiring true story of Captain James Riley that Thad talked about at the beginning of today's message check out these options:

Readers: Check out "Skeletons on the Zahara" by Dean King

Listeners: Look up the podcast "Shipwreck on the Sahara" as a part of the "Against the odds" series by Wondery on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.

WE HAVE BAPTISMS TODAY! Praise God!

Please join us in celebrating with Kalani, Shealyn, Teri & Jason today as they take this important step in their walk with God.

Would you commit to pray for one of them every day this week?

If you have questions about baptism or feel like you're ready to take that next step in your walk with God please let us know. The tank is full and we'd love to baptize you even today if you're ready!

#1 Come talk to us today.

#2 Write it on your card and ask us to get in touch with you.

By the way - If you're nervous about crowds or being baptized in front of a lot of people we are happy to baptize you on a Sunday afternoon or some other time that works. Of course, we love to celebrate and see people make that commitment but it's not about how many people see you do it. It's about your faithfulness and obedience to God. Feel free to let us know if an after-hours baptism is more in your comfort zone!

## Home Group Notes

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Pray: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

Intro: Leaders ask the question below and give the group a moment to think about it, then go in a circle and share your answers.

- If you were a King or Queen of a kingdom, what would your kingdom look like? What would some of your laws or rules be? Who would be honored or praised? What actions or responsibilities would be rewarded? What would the goals or priorities be? How would you treat the citizens of your kingdom? (Artistic people: what would your flag look like?)

Questions: These questions are merely meant as a discussion tool. If it sparks a fruitful conversation, let it carry on. By no means feel bound to answer everything or stick only to these questions. Read them ahead of time and let the Spirit guide you how to use them for your group.

- Review the sermon notes, what is the difference between the modern english understanding of "kingdom" and the Hebrew understanding? Which version makes more sense to you? Why?
- God is working to establish His kingdom on earth through the Israelites, why do you think God wants to work through people rather than just using His unlimited power to force His kingdom here?
- How does God treat the citizens of His kingdom? What does His kingdom look like?
- Would you say you are apart of God's kingdom? What is your role? How can we help God spread His kingdom here on earth?

Pray Again: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout