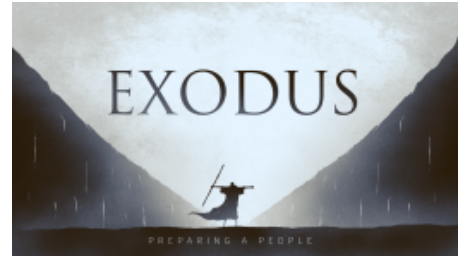




Sermon Discussion Guide




Exodus: Deliverance

Exodus 14:5-31

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Exodus 14:5-31. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you every needed to be rescued? Have you ever experienced a deliverance?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

DELIVERANCE: ITS NEED

- 3 The Israelites didn't just need deliverance from slavery, they needed deliverance from their unbelief. Explain. Can you relate to the Israelites?
- 4 Why is modern man's idea of freedom actually fiction? What does Biblical freedom look like?

- 5 Why did Ray reference Mariah Carey? What do you have to have in order to feel worthwhile? What, if you don't have it, means you don't have life? What does the answer to that question say about that thing you must have? What does the answer say about you?

DELIVERANCE: ITS NATURE

- 6 In your own words, describe the difference between salvation as a process versus salvation as a decisive act. How is this related to Christianity and other world religions?
- 7 Why is, "I'm trying", the wrong response to you the question: "Are you a Christian?"
- 8 What did Ray mean when he said, "regeneration precedes faith"? Hint: it is related to the hymn lyric, "if you tarry till you're better you will never come at all".

DELIVERANCE: ITS MEDIATOR

- 9 How was Moses a mediator for the people of God?
- 10 How is Jesus a greater mediator than Moses?

Extra Question: Do you find the story of God physically parting the Red Sea hard to believe? Why or why not?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?