

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / MARCH 9

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

The sermon passage was Exodus 13:17–15:21. Read Exodus 14:10–22 together, which captures some key themes. After reading, share any observations you made about the text.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “The most important thing in Exodus is not getting them out of Egypt, but teaching them to know and walk with God!”
- “God saves his people all at once through one miraculous act, and he saves his people all by himself.”
- “The more accurate test of your faith is not how you respond when miracles happen all around you, but how you respond when they don't.”
- “It’s not about the strength of your faith; it’s about the strength of the object of your faith. The weakest faith in Jesus still saves, because it’s not the strength of your faith that saves you; it’s the strength of your Savior.”

Group Discussion

1. What are your thoughts on Israel’s fear in the narrative, wanting to return to Egypt, and how that might mirror our own struggles? How do you typically respond when you feel fear?
2. How does Exodus 14:13–14, where Moses says “Fear not, stand firm,” challenge or encourage you in trusting God during tough times?
3. Pastor J.D. said that freedom is about the heart, not just circumstances. How have you seen “Egypt” linger in your own life after salvation?
4. What do you think about the idea that salvation happens all at once, as with the Red Sea crossing, versus a gradual process? How does God save us through Christ?
5. How can we support one another in trusting God's plan when facing “Red Seas” in our own lives?

CHALLENGE

- This week, consciously identify and step away from a “comfort of Egypt”—a habit, thought pattern, or behavior that doesn't align with God’s Word. Reflect daily in a journal or with an accountability partner on your experience.

PRAYER

- Pray for strength to trust God during seasons of uncertainty, remembering how he has led and delivered his people in the past.
- Ask God to reveal and remove the “spirit of Egypt” from our hearts, helping us to find true freedom in walking with him.
- Ask for wisdom and discernment to see opportunities where we can demonstrate our trust in God’s sovereignty, encouraging each other in Christ.