

Exodus, Exiles and Following Jesus: Summary up to February 27, 2022

With our newfound ability to more freely meet, it is great that we can again begin providing sermon series discussion material to our H2H groups. To begin then, our study will focus on some general learning from our series in the book of Exodus to this point.

Discussion Questions Set #1

1. As you've tracked with us through this sermon series, what is one thing that particularly caught your attention from the story thus far?
2. Sometimes it is difficult to read ancient words like those included in the story of the Exodus and apply them to our lives in the here and now. Discuss what God might be trying to teach us about life in the here and now through the events of the Exodus. How have you been applying the texts we've encountered each week?
3. Last Sunday, the following quote was presented in sermon—one of the most important saying of the rabbis concerning Passover is that “in every generation, each person must see themselves as if they came out of Egypt”. As you've been following along in this series, what aspect of your own “exodus” experience are becoming clearer?

Discussion Questions Set #2

One of the key aspects of the story of the Exodus is that God was at work for the benefit of His people in both small, nearly imperceptible ways and in significantly overt ways. Over the pandemic months (years ... yikes), Romans 8:28 has regularly bubbled to the surface in our sermons – “we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”.

2022 Goals: A Year of Relaunching

R: Review ministry functions

E: Evaluate fruitfulness

L: Learn from COVID

A: Apply learning

U: Unify around learning

N: Needs assessment

C: Community engagement

H: Hearing from the Spirit (prayer)



Relaunch

1. We've encountered this scripture to be true in the events of the Exodus, as God truly did work for the good of His people, but how might you have seen this proven true in your own life, or in the life of the church over the past months?
2. God was in regular communication with His people, offering the clear direction, challenge and encouragement all throughout their Exodus experience. As you consider the past few months of experience, what do you think the Spirit of God might be saying to us, His people in 2022?
3. As we consider how the RELAUNCH into ministry in 2022, how might God be challenging us to live differently post-pandemic?



One particular way that God seems to be presently challenging the church is in our willingness to practice prayer. In 2022, as a church, we will be exploring ways to better engage together in prayer, but one key place we see this operating is within our H2H Groups. The challenge to our H2H Groups is to keep an active group prayer journal, listing prayer requests (general and specific) and answers to these prayers. Our hope is that in engaging in regular prayer together, we will not only “approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 4:16), but that in doing so we will “be transformed by the renewing of [our minds] ... [being] be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2).