

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD." (Exodus 6:6-8)

"Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" (Exodus 14:11)

"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." (Exodus 16:3).

"Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" (Exodus 17:3).

One of the common themes of the first chapters relating the story of the Exodus is the circumstantial blindness of the Israelites – simply that the difficult situations they faced seemed to blind them to the presence and activity of God.

1. In what ways might we experience circumstantial blindness to the guidance of God in our lives?
2. Have you ever experienced a time where your circumstances made it difficult to acknowledge God's leading in your life? How did you address this? What did you learn about yourself or about God through this?
3. Why do you think the Israelites failed to recognize God's leading even as they experienced the Ten Plagues, saw the Red Sea split, and watched as His presence in a cloud of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night tangibly led them in the wilderness?
4. Looking at the complaint of the Israelites, do you note a common theme (a common fear)? What might this communicate about the spiritual condition of the Israelites?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

"Let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight". (Jeremiah 9:24)

1. Discuss the relational nature of "trusting" and "submitting". Can such things be done effectively in the absence of relationship? How might relationship alter our ability to trust and submit?
2. Why is knowing God crucial to following His lead in the midst of circumstantial difficulty?
3. Discuss the significance related to the idea that God desires we know Him.
4. What are some practical ways that we can grow in our knowledge of God? What is your preferred way of growing in knowledge of God?