

DISCUSSION:

Discuss the question cluster below

(As much or as little as works for your group and in any order you like)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

We're continuing a sermon series called, "Exodus: Out of Darkness. Into Light." In it we'll focus on the story of God delivering his people out of the darkness of the soul-crushing oppression, enslavement and genocide they faced in Egypt and into the light of life with him. The hope is that through this story we will come to see the persistence of God's light, hope and faithfulness amidst the frequent darkness in our own lives and our world.

I. This week, we looked at what happens when God actually says it's time to deliver his people. Through our text (Ex.12:1-17, 21-36, 40-42) spent time considering the Passover and how this last plague (of the firstborn) was different than past ones. We looked at what that had to show us about God's relationships to his people (namely, that he draws us in through participation in his deliverance and he moves closer to us as he delivers). We also looked at how God gives us a different future through his deliverance, one where we can bring our past into the light because it's now under his grace. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. What were some details and differences in the Passover (Ch.12) that you hadn't noticed before or that stood out to you differently this time?
 1. *What did those help you see or think about differently?*
- C. What might God's desire for you to *participate* in his delivering grace say about the way you view yourself?
 1. *What dignity, value, respect, etc. might it feel like it gives back or deepens for you?*
- D. What about your view of God might need to change because of what Exodus says about how he desires to draw close to us (even when we're the lowest of the low)?
- E. In smaller groups (or if you are a small group already and are comfortable sharing more openly): share about something God has redeemed you from or something you would like him to redeem in your story.
 1. *Where do you struggle to believe God really would be gracious to you about that part of your story?*
 2. *What help do you need from God to show grace to yourself in that?*