

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 Israel's first steps out of captivity and into freedom. But we saw how they were troubled, stressful steps. Through our text (Ex.13:17-18, 21-22; ch.14) spent time considering what happens when God takes us to the edge of ourselves and what the God who meets us at there at the edge is like. We saw how it's God's intention to take us to the edge, at times, to show us more of who he is and to let us see that he always intended to go out there with us. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. Where does it feel like God is bringing you to the edge in your life right now? Where are you facing the loss of something that's been important or just a difficulty, sadness or frustration?
 - 1. *How does it change the way you think about being at the edge to know that Jesus intended to go out there with you – to let himself be brought to the edge so you could have confidence he will still be God 'out there'?*
 - 2. *What's difficult about life at the edge?*
 - 3. *Where do you need God's help and presence (like Israel did) to survive there?*
- C. The sermon closed by talking about "putting on the sweatpants of confidence in God" and the idea of taking hold of the fact that God does make a way, even when it seems like there is no way. So, where could you get more comfortable and lean into/rest on the idea of God really being at work, even when it feels like your life is at the edge?
 - 1. *What would you do differently if you were confident God would be there for you?*