

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**, (Ex. 18:1-3a, 5-9, 12-24, 27) **we spent time talking about how God provides for us through each other. We saw that fulfilling God's call on our lives is too heavy to carry alone – that we were made to rely on each other. Ultimately, though, our help is not through each other, but through the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus gives us when we believe, so that we never have to go it alone. Consequently, we're invited to ask both, 'Where do we need to receive help?' (from God, from others) and 'Where has God given us gifts we can use to help others?' Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.**

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. Does it feel more natural to you to do things on your own or to ask for help? Why?
- C. Where, in the various things God's called you to (family, friends, school, work, church), do you feel like that calling is 'too heavy' in some way?
 1. *In what ways do you feel like you have to go it alone in that calling - like you can't ask for help or that you or others can't make mistakes or changes?*
 2. *Where might God be calling you to trust that he doesn't need you to go it alone and to instead ask for help?*
- D. What gifts could you put to use at CTK to help us live out God's mission more? (consider learning about the 6 Types of Working Genius that we referenced in the sermon for more ideas on your gifts and how to use them)
 1. *Who do you need to talk to for more ideas on how you could help?*
 2. *Do you like to help:*
 - a) *Identify ways we could improve or change? (Wonder)*
 - b) *Create ideas to solve problems or meet opportunities? (Invention)*
 - c) *Discern which ideas will work best? (Discernment)*
 - d) *Generate energy & enthusiasm with people to get a solution going? (Galvanizing)*
 - e) *Put solutions into action by assisting with the work? (Enablement)*
 - f) *Get things done and make sure the plan goes through? (Tenacity)*
 3. *These are all different types of help you could bring to CTK (see the Working Genius link above). Discuss which ones resonate with you.*