

Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions
Week of November 20th, 2022
Sermon Series: Gospel = Life
Sermon Title: Where Are You God?
Primary Text(s): Galatians 4:1-7

1. ***Let's share a time/period in our lives when we distinctly remember asking the question, where are you God?***
 - i. ***Let's take a moment to describe the factors that led us to posing this question to God.***
2. At the root of the question, where are you God, is the desire/wish for God to do something for us. ***What has been causing us in our individual lives to ask, where are you God?***
3. **Read Galatians 4:1-7. What captures your attention in this passage?**

Table: The Original Exodus and The New Exodus

<u>The Original Exodus</u>	<u>The New Exodus</u>
<u>Slaves</u> : to Pharaoh, the Egyptians and the gods of the world.	<u>Slaves</u> : to sin and death, the devil and the powers of the world.
<u>Sacrifice</u> : the lamb's blood. Passover.	<u>Sacrifice</u> : Jesus' blood.
<u>Law</u> : Rescued to receive the law. How the people of God should live.	<u>Law</u> : rescued to receive Jesus. Jesus is the embodiment of how we should live.
<u>Deliverance</u> : death of the 1st born and the parting of the Red Sea. Rescued. Land of freedom.	<u>Deliverance</u> : death on the cross and the empty tomb.
<u>Dwelling</u> : rescue to be in God's presence - tabernacle and temple.	<u>Dwelling</u> : rescued to be in God's presence - tabernacle and temple. The Spirit in us as His temple.

4. God's rescuing of Israel from Egyptian slavery helped the Israelites to have a historical event to remember when they encountered difficult times, thereby providing a source of reflection that should likely have caused them to increase their faith and confidence in God's love and care for them.

- a. ***Let's share events in our journeys where we can recall God acting on our behalf to rescue us from challenging times because of His unconditional love and care for us that fills us with faith and confidence in God.***

5. In both the "Original Exodus" and the "New Exodus" a sacrificial lamb (Jesus is the lamb of God) shed blood on behalf of people to be saved (Original Exodus: saved from the death angel. New Exodus: saved from sin and death).
 - a. ***How might God be prompting us to express our gratitude to Him for Jesus' sacrifice in a specific manner in this season of our lives?***

6. The Israelites received the law after the "Original Exodus" to teach them how to live. We have received the Gospel account of the Person of Jesus and the Person of the Holy Spirit in our beings to teach us how to live.
 - a. ***Pray for God to help us to live as Christ lived in our time and context through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.***

7. As believers we have found freedom from sin in Jesus who is the author of our salvation. With this in mind, ***let's develop a list together of the people in our lives who we hope to experience Jesus' gracious gift of deliverance in their lives.***
 - a. ***Let's be sure, as a group, to commit to keeping these people in our prayers.***

8. ***Describe a time when God's dwelling presence felt personally known and alive to you.***

9. ***Talk about signs that you observe of God's redemptive and renewing work in our lives, the global church, and the world.***