

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon: “Exodus: Deliverance” Series: TaNaKh

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Texts: Exodus 6:5-7; 12:21-23, 29a-31; 14:23; 27-31; 34:5-8

Subtexts: Psalm 130:7, John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Hebrews 9:22

I. Introduction Questions:

- How does the story we believe about God impact how we live our lives?
- What is your general impression of the Old Testament? How does TaNaKh, the OT, showcase God’s Grand Narrative too? Explain.

The Old Testament is not merely background material for the New Testament. Like Pastor John said a few weeks back: “Though the story culminates in Jesus, it’s all already there in the Old Testament.” - John F (4/12/26, NSAC)

II. READ Exodus 6:5-7

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What do you make of the action words (things God does) in these verses?
- Discuss this quote: “When God redeems us from sin He delivers us, accepts us, and becomes our God. Then He leads us to a new life as we follow Him.” - NIV Life Application, p 112-113

III. READ Exodus 12:21-23/29a-31; 14:23, 27-31

- What does the blood of the Passover lamb do for the Israelites?
- Read Hebrews 9:22. In the Christian Story, what is the significance of the shedding of blood? Discuss.
- What desire is it that drives God’s deliverance of His people? (14:31)
- We are all created with a need for relationship only God can fill. Do you believe this to be true? How have you experienced this? Explain.

And, when we press into friendship with God, truly put our “trust” in *Him*, we find the love, meaning, and purpose we’ve been longing for.

IV. READ Exodus 34:5-8

- What does God tell us here about Himself? Discuss.
- Why can Israel trust God? Why can we trust God? Explain.
- Is there any comfort/benefit to us in the fact that God also does not overlook sin? Discuss.

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V. Life Application Questions

A. *We can always put our hope in the Lord.*

- How does the story of God's work in Exodus model hope for us?
- In life what makes it difficult to embrace the hope the Bible speaks about?
- Christian hope requires from us absolute dependence on God. And this flies in the face of western ideas that teach us, by our own brilliance, hard work, and expertise, we can "manufacture hope from within" and even rescue or redeem ourselves.
- Name a loss, disappointment, or painful situation for which you need God's help to find hope.

B. *God saves us to make us new again.*

- Discuss the statement: "First God took His people out of Egypt. Then God needed to take Egypt out of His people."
- Why when we chose to follow Jesus, might it take *some* time to adjust to, and live into our new identity in Christ?
- How do you feel about your new passport: Christ-follower, Citizen of Heaven, Child of God?!

C. *God desires to make His presence known to us.*

- In Exodus we see God is holy and powerful; He is also near and approachable. How does this sit with you? Explain.
- Have you ever experienced God's presence in your life? Describe.
- How might we be more open to/expectant/aware of God's presence when we worship, in our prayer times, in Bible reading, at church, at work, at play, at school, at home? Discuss.

**SPEND TIME PRAYING TOGETHER - INVITING GOD'S
PRESENCE IN YOUR LIVES AND ASKING FOR HIS HOPE
AMIDST LIFE'S CHALLENGES**