



THE WIN

The group member will demonstrate their comprehension of why a Christ-follower must view themselves as new creations in Christ by examining the story of Israel, draw comparisons between enslaved Israel and freed Israel, discussing the freedom found in Christ, and the gospel implications for the Christ-follower.

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In the sermon this week we learned God revealed His good news to the world through the Church. The perspective of the Christ-follower is forever changed through Jesus Christ.

What were a few things taught in the sermon that challenged you? In what way were you challenged?

WARM UP

What is your favorite story/movie/tall tale of someone who is enslaved but then is set free? What is it about the story that makes it your favorite?

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

READ EXODUS 1:1-22

Israel spread throughout Egypt and because of this, the Egyptians feared them and decided to enslave and oppress the Israelites. The treatment they endured during their stay in Egypt was poor and it ultimately led to God intervening.

- Using your mind's eye, describe what you think the conditions may have been like for the Israelites in Egypt?
- In light of verse 14, what do you think the emotional/mental condition may have been like for the Israelites?

READ: Exodus 3:1-22

Moses was tasked with facing Pharaoh and demanding the release of Israel.

- Notice vs. 7-10, God provides specific reasons as to why he will rescue Israel. What are those reasons?

READ: Exodus 19:3-6

In Exodus 19, God has worked through Moses and rescued Israel from the Egyptians.

- What is his promise to Israel?
- What did God mean by 'kingdom of priests' and 'holy nation'?

READ: Ephesians 3:1-6

- Paul keeps referring to a 'mystery', what is the mystery?
- In light of Exodus 19:3-6 what is the heir entitled to enjoy?
- v. 6 reads, Gentiles who come to faith are 'sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus.' What is the promise of Christ Jesus?

READ: Ephesians 3:8-12

- What does 'manifold wisdom of God' mean?
- What is the most challenging aspect of maintaining a worldview that seeks to make Christ known throughout the world?
- How do you struggle in your life with this worldview?
- What are a couple of key decisions that you have had to make recently where this worldview played a role? Describe your situation to the group.