

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## THE BOOK OF EXODUS

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today’s text:

**Date: 10/16/2022 –Bow and Worship as God’s Son - Phil Layton (Exodus 4:21-31)**

1. Looking back on the recent message on Exodus 3-4 (the burning bush) what has been an encouraging takeaway for you personally? Share with someone how you are seeking to remember truths from these chapters.

2. Exodus 4 ends with the people of Israel who “bowed their heads and worshipped.” Looking at the context, what led to that response? What should move us to worship from this passage?

3. The first main point of the message was “bow to God’s sovereignty and obey.” Where in chapter 4 do you see God’s sovereign power on display? Where in your life do you need to bow and be more obedient?

4. Do you find any hard statements in v. 11, 21, or 23? Are there other biblical passages that may shed light on these statements? If God is sovereign, how is that good news to also read v. 31 and 2:24-25 and 3:12 (“I will be with you”) and 3:16 (“I indeed care”)?

5. How would you explain the confusing passage in 4:24-26? How does Genesis 17:14 help? Does the same verb from Exodus 4:25 (touching the bloody skin to him) in 12:22 help shed light on this passage? What might be a takeaway for us in following God?

6. How does the concept of God’s son in 4:21-23 and adoption help you worship God? If needed, consider:

- Hosea 11:1-4 and Matthew 2:14-20

- For Jesus as the “firstborn,” see Rom 8:29, Col 1:15, 18, Heb 1:6, 12:23, Rev 1:5

- For adoption from slaves to sons, see Gal. 4:3-7, Eph. 1:3-7, 1 John 3:1-2

- Any encouraging applications from the message for us who are in God's Son?