

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 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

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For further Application, Meditation, and Conversation on today's text: Date: 9/25/2022 – "Signs and Wonders and Speaking for God" (Exodus 3:19-4:9)

1. In Exodus 3:19-20, Yahweh tells Moses "I know that the King of Egypt will not let you go". Here, we see the *foreknowledge* of God! What specifically is this foreknowledge in reference to according to verse 20 – what was God planning to do, and what was His purpose?

What kind of response to this sovereign power should Moses (and should we) have experienced?

- 2. As we think about how God spoke to Moses and His people, what are some unique ways in which the LORD spoke in the past? How was it different than those who today might say "God told me", or "I heard the Lord say..."? Look up Deuteronomy 4:2 & 33 what point is God making about those who have heard his voice, and when we might carelessly say "God told me..."?
- 3. When you or someone in your life says, "God told me" or "I feel like God is telling me...", what could they mean by that? How might we lovingly help each other represent what we mean instead? Why should we be willing to help each in this? (see Deut. 18:20; Ezek 13:6; Prov. 30:6)
- 4. Moses was the first miracle worker of God (Exodus 4:17). According to the sermon, the two purposes of signs and wonders are to <u>confirm</u> and <u>warn</u>. What do signs and wonders *confirm* for those who witness them, and what do they *warn* of that witnesses should take notice of?
- 5. This morning our Scripture reading covered all of the "I am" statements that Christ made of Himself in the book of John (we looked at them last week as well). Look up these references again, and reflect: how is Jesus claiming to be the same God who revealed himself to Moses (and Abraham, etc.)? In other words, how is Jesus pointing to Himself as the one who is now moving to deliver his people?
 - John 6:35 / John 8:12, 24, 58 / John 10:9, 11 / John 11:25 / John 14:6 / John 15:1 (see also john 18:6 as an echo of a previous divine encounter Exodus 3:14) / Revelation 1:17-18, 22:13, 16, 20.

How might the above verses be beneficial in your interactions with unbelievers?