

GCBC

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: 8/7/2022 –The Providence of God and the Preface to Exodus (Exodus 1:1-5)

1. Why is Exodus 1:1-5 here and why not just begin the story in v. 8? How does this preface make you think of God’s deliverance and redemption in this family’s history?
2. In v. 1, what have we learned about Jacob’s past? (If needed, see Genesis 25 & 27). God chooses and uses someone like Jacob, how should that encourage you?
3. In v. 2, what have we learned about these first 4 sons of Jacob and their past? (If needed, review Genesis 37, 38, 34, 35:22, etc.). If God could change and make something of these men in particular, how does that give you hope?
4. How would you define the providence of God? Where do you see it in Joseph’s story and how should that impact you when going through difficulty or even evil?
5. Where have you seen God providing in your life? Guiding you? Overriding evil for good?
6. How does the story of Joseph and his brothers point you to the gospel? Are there any who have sinned against you that you need to forgive, thinking about this story (especially 50:15-21, 45:1-15)