

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: 8/21/2022 – The Wickedness of Man and the Women of God (Exodus 1:15-2:10)

1. From the message, what are some parallels between Pharaoh's evil plan in Exodus 1 and 20th century evil plans? How would you explain those similarities theologically and what is behind them? What is our hope in the midst of evil?
2. What are some of the ironies in this narrative of what Pharaoh tries and the result? Where have you seen the irony and futility of sin in your own life? How do you need to apply Ephesians 4:17 (not walking in the futility of the mind)?
3. How would you evaluate what the midwives told Pharaoh in Exodus 1:19-20? Could there be situations where it's right not to give a murderous madman the full truth? What about soldiers in war tricking the enemy or a hostage negotiator trying to save lives from a deranged man? Are there other passages in scripture that may help?
4. Where do you see God's mercy and grace at work in these women, and what can you learn from their examples?
 - The midwives (especially v. 17, 20)
 - The mother of Moses (2:2-3, see also Hebrews 11:23)
 - The young sister of Moses
 - Pharaoh's daughter
5. How should this affect your worship? Consider Exodus 15 and Revelation 15 ("the song of Moses"). What truth about God in this story should motivate you to sing to him?