

Sermon: Out From Our Slavery to Sin.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 14:1-31.
Date: November 13, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God sets us free so that we might be his slaves (Romans 6:22). How does the Exodus story illustrate this? Does the thought of being God's slave bother you? Comfort you?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) What do you do when you sin? What excuses do you make for your sin? Do you see yourself as free from sin's power? Why or why not?

b) Think about a difficult situation in your life right now. Is there any "oppressor" or "Pharaoh" that you are blaming? In general, how does blaming others contribute to your own sinning? Consider James 4:1.

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Why do we need more than just forgiveness to overcome sin? Why do we also need freedom? How is the Red Sea a picture of our freedom from sin?

APPLICATION

a) At the Red Sea God told the Israelites to move forward in his powerful grace. Can you identify where God wants you to move forward in faith, knowing that his grace will meet you there?

b) The Passover was freedom **from** death, the Red Sea was freedom **through** death. In what ways does putting our selfish life to death bring freedom? Can you think of an example of this principle from your own life? Think about Galatians 5:13.

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

PRAYER

- Thank God for destroying the power of sin in your life.
- Confess ways that you have failed to live in your freedom from sin.
- Thank Jesus for union with his cross that removes all power and penalty of sin.
- Ask God to help you move forward into loving service for others.