

Sermon: God's Mission and Godly Wisdom.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 18:1-27.
Date: February 19, 2023

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) What do we learn about God in verses 7-12 specifically? How do these verses encourage you?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Pastor Mark pointed out that verses 1-12 show us Jethro's conversion through Moses' witness/testimony. Can you share a testimony of God's deliverance? What prevents you from sharing it with others?

b) What leadership lessons can we learn from Exodus 18? Why did Moses have to be humble to receive Jethro's advice? Why do good leaders need to be humble like Moses?

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

a) Look at 18:12 again. This is not some mere detail inserted into the story. It is the recurring biblical practice of a covenant meal eaten before God. How did these covenant meals point ahead to Jesus and his salvation (think about how it images communion and even the future feast in Heaven)?

APPLICATION

a) Moses sets up godly men to help him rule over the nation. In the church today we have pastor/elders. Do you know your elders? How might you get to know them and encourage them?

b) In the church today every member is a minister that is equipped by God to address conflict. Read Matthew 18:15-20. What is the Christ given process for handling conflict in the church today? Have you ever practiced this? Could you?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-10.

PRAYER

- Thank God for his provision of ministers for his church (including you).
- Confess any ways that you have failed to minister and work through conflict with others.
- Thank Jesus for his better exodus from sin and the future feast we will eat with him in glory.
- Ask God to help you to boldly share about his deliverance of your life from sin.