

God's Own People

Exodus

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Introduction

1. The First Meeting: Promises of the Past (ch. 3-4)
2. Experiencing Deliverance (ch. 9-15)
3. The Second Meeting: Partnership for the Future (ch. 19-20)

Conclusion:

As the church, we boldly claim the Exodus story as also our story; in it, we find the meaning and purpose of our own journey from slavery, through deliverance, into our calling to be God's own people, recognizing in the end that the whole journey was God's plan for us.

SERMON LATER – REFLECTION

1. Think of a time in your life when you felt like God met you. What similarities do you see between your experience and Moses' (for example, the sense of God's holiness, receiving instruction, a personal calling for you to act)? How was your life changed by your encounter with God?
2. How difficult has it been for you to maintain the conviction that God is with you in the last few months? What could you do to strengthen that conviction? What difference does it make in your actions if you know that God is with you on a daily basis?
3. When have you witnessed God's power at work? How has that experience influenced your faith and your understanding of God's character? Do you think it's necessary to have direct experience of God's work to believe in Him? Why or why not?
4. God wanted the Israelites to keep remembering and living out of their deliverance from slavery. Why was that important for Israel? How is it also important for the church to do that? What are some ways that our church keeps alive the memory of our salvation in Christ? How do you, as a member of the church, draw strength from these observances?
5. What does the identity of being "the people of God" mean to you? What are some significant ways that our church tries to live out the calling to be God's people? Why do you think that God chose to call the church to be His people through Christ, as opposed to another nation like Israel?