

# EXODUS

## THE GREAT ESCAPE



WK 2: Escaping From  
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### RECAP

Sermon Recap: Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- God tested the people in their desperations:
  - At the waters of Marah God taught them to listen to His voice and He pointed them to Jesus (Exodus 15:22-27; John 4:1-15).
  - In the Wilderness of Sin God taught them to find their provision in Him and He pointed them to Jesus (Exodus 16:1-30; John 6:22-35).
  - In the camp at Rephidim God taught them that He would stand before them and He pointed them to Jesus (Exodus 17:1-7; Isaiah 53:1-12).
- God appointed judges for the people to hold them accountable (Exodus 18:13-27).
- God gave instructions for the people to keep them safe (Exodus 19:1-25).

### GROUP DISCUSSION

When Israel came out of their bondage to Egypt, they were coming out of 400+ years of Egyptian law. God had to unbind them physically, emotionally and spiritually from that influence and teach them that His Law was the direct representation of Himself that was designed to protect them, to show them their inability to keep it perfectly, to show them their desperate need to depend on Him and to show them a picture of their future King, Jesus.

1. How do you respond to laws in general – with eagerness to obey or with skepticism as to why that law exists? How do you respond to God's Law as you see it presented in His Word? Are there any laws that cause you to question God's reason for having such laws?
2. As God prepared His people for the presentation of His Law, He brought them to some very uncomfortable circumstances. He brought them to bitter water, to hunger and to thirst. In the midst of those trials, He taught them to trust Him, follow Him and that He would provide all their needs. What are some trials that you have faced or are currently facing that caused you to feel frustrated? What was (or is) your view of God in those circumstances? Do you tend to run prayerfully to His Word and seek His wisdom to help you grow, do you simply worship Him or do you tend to run away from Him and perhaps even blame Him for the circumstances you're facing?
3. Why do you think God draws us out of our comfort zones in order to help us grow? What is the purpose of the trials we face (1 Peter 4:12-16; James 1:13-17)?

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4. We often view rules or commandments as restrictions to our freedoms where His commandments are actually gateways to freedom (Ephesians 4:17-24; Colossians 2:6-15). Do you view God's Law as restrictive to freedom or as a gateway to freedom? What is the bondage that humanity was once trapped in before Christ set us free? Have you been set free from that bondage? Explain.
5. When we view God's Law as a protection of His people against the enemy who seeks to steal, kill and destroy, we begin to see the compassionate holiness of God that desires for us to have abundant life in Him rather than a legalistic God waiting for us to earn our worthiness to approach Him. Do you struggle with trying to do works in order to gain merit with God? Why is this a dangerous way to live? Jesus tells us in John 6 what the work is that we must do to gain eternal life. What is that work (John 6:28-29)?

### PRAYER

Pray that you would come to see God's Law as something that is not an oppressive Law that holds us in bondage but that God's Law, fulfilled perfectly through Jesus, is what frees us to live abundant life in fellowship with Him.

### NOTES

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