

DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 15:1-19 & Luke 24:1-8, 13-27







SUNDAY RECAP

On Easter Sunday we concluded our 12-week series in **Exodus with Exodus 15 and the Easter story from Luke 24.** Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

KEY PASSAGE: Exodus 15:1-19 & Luke 24:1-8, 13-27

DISCUSS

- 1. Read through Exodus 15:1-9. Consider the context for this passage and imagine the scene of Israel saved and responding in song together. What from this part of the passage resonates?
- 2. Revisit the encounter Jesus had with Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27). Discuss what N.T. Wright says about the expectation that God would redeem Israel from suffering, when God actually redeemed Israel through suffering.
 - "That's why the crucifixion was so devastating. It wasn't just that Jesus had been the bearer of their hopes and he was now dead and gone. It was sharper than that: if Jesus had been the one to redeem Israel, he should have been defeating the pagans, not dying at their hands! Cleopas's puzzled statement only needs the slightest twist to turn it into a joyful statement of early Christian faith: 'They crucified him but we had hoped he would redeem Israel' would shortly become, 'They crucified him and that was how he did redeem Israel'. And it was, of course, the resurrection that made the difference." N.T. Wright
- 3. Luke 24:27 says "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." This reminds us that the whole story of Scripture points to Jesus. How has this series in Exodus helped point you towards Jesus? What impactful takeaways have you learned over the past 12 weeks?
- 4. Reflect on this season of Lent and Holy Week. Share what you've been learning or how God has been at work in your life. Share prayer requests and praises and spend time in prayer together.

WHAT'S NEXT? Discuss plans for your small group to determine if you want to take a break or continue meeting. Starting on April 7, we will begin a 5-week series studying the book of Colossians.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVE OPPORTUNITIES Learn more at fairoaks.church/events

- **Meet the Missionaries:** 4/3 | 6pm | FLC | Potluck Dinner & Learn more about Grace House, City of Refuge, & Orangevale Community Foundation
- WFO Women's Brunch: 4/4 | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Irene from Citrus Heights HART
- **Students Late Nighter:** 4/5 | 7p-12a | Sunrise Rollerland & Ice Cream \$15 Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- Food Distribution: 4/12 | 9a-12:30pm | FO/OV Food Bank | Sign up to serve at fairoaks.church/missions
- **Food Drive:** 4/13 & 4/14 | 9a-12p | Drop off donations
- Mom's Group: 4/13 | 9:30a-11:30a | Fireside Room, Fair Oaks Church
- **Missions Auction:** 4/27 | Doors open at 4p | Tickets \$30/person | Available Online and in person starting 4/7 | We are collecting auction items and gift cards on 4/7 and 4/14
- Baptism Sunday: 4/28 | Sign up if interested in being baptized by April 14 at fairoaks.church/baptism