



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In this exploration of Exodus, we're reminded that our spiritual journey often gets worse before it gets better. Just as the Israelites faced increased hardship after Moses confronted Pharaoh, we too may experience challenges when we first commit to following God. This seeming setback is actually part of God's plan to reveal His power and deepen our faith. The story teaches us that God isn't just interested in freeing us from our 'Egypt' - our sins and struggles - but also in removing 'Egypt' from us, transforming our hearts and minds. When we feel overwhelmed and broken, that's often when God can work most powerfully in our lives. This message encourages us to persevere through difficulties, trusting that God is using these experiences to shape us and demonstrate His sovereignty. It's a reminder that true faith is tested faith, and that our moments of greatest weakness can become opportunities for God's strength to shine through.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you experienced the principle of 'it's got to get worse before it gets better' in your own spiritual journey?
2. In what ways might God be using difficult circumstances in your life to 'get Egypt out of you', as the sermon suggests?
3. How does the concept of 'untested Christianity' challenge your understanding of faith and spiritual growth?
4. What does it mean to you that God says 'I am the Lord' repeatedly in this passage, and how might that impact your response to challenges?
5. How do you reconcile the idea of God hardening Pharaoh's heart with the concept of free will?
6. In what areas of your life might you be resisting God's leadership, similar to how the Israelites initially responded to Moses?
7. How does the sermon's portrayal of God's persistent grace, even in the face of rejection, affect your view of His character?

8. What parallels can you draw between the Israelites' slavery in Egypt and modern forms of spiritual bondage?
9. How might the concept of 'true leadership often leads to false accusation' apply to various aspects of life beyond spiritual leadership?
10. In what ways does the sermon challenge or affirm your understanding of God's role in human suffering and deliverance?