



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores the transition from being delivered by God's miracles to being sustained by godly wisdom, using Exodus 18 as the foundational text. The central message emphasizes that while God performs miracles in our lives, He desires to supplement those miracles with wise decision-making and proper structure. Through the story of Jethro advising Moses, the sermon illustrates how God uses outsiders to provide wisdom, the importance of delegation and shared leadership, and the dangers of heroic, lone-ranger leadership that leads to burnout. The ultimate application points to Jesus as the perfect example of humble leadership and the source of peace, encouraging believers to delegate their burdens to Christ first, then build sustainable systems of shared responsibility in their lives and church community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you distinguish between relying on God's miraculous intervention and applying practical wisdom in your daily life decisions?
2. Who are the 'Jethros' in your life—people outside your usual circle who have spoken truth to you—and how did you respond to their correction?
3. In what areas of your life are you trying to be the 'hero' or 'lone maverick,' and what would it look like to delegate those burdens to others or to God?
4. How does the concept that 'overworked leaders create overworked communities' apply to your family, workplace, or church involvement?
5. What is the difference between delegating out of weakness versus delegating out of wisdom, and how does Moses' example inform your understanding?
6. How can you create a 'bullpen of advisors' in different areas of your life, and what keeps you from seeking or accepting their counsel?

7. In what ways might God be withholding greater blessing or growth in your life until you establish better structure and shared responsibility?
8. How does the biblical emphasis on character before competence challenge modern culture's focus on achievement and performance?
9. What does it mean practically to 'delegate your foolishness to Jesus' and receive His peace in exchange for your burdens?
10. How can you move from being an observer in your faith community to an active participant who shares in the ministry's work and mission?