



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores the transition from miraculous deliverance to sustainable wisdom in the Christian life, using the account of Jethro's counsel to Moses in Exodus 18. The message emphasizes that while salvation comes through God's miraculous work, spiritual maturity requires being established in wisdom. The sermon addresses the dangers of heroic leadership that leads to burnout, the necessity of delegation, and the importance of having wise counselors who can speak truth into our lives. Ultimately, it points to Christ as the true hero who bears what we cannot carry, while calling believers to grow in wisdom through proper structure, accountability, and reliance on God's design for community and shared ministry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the shift from miraculous deliverance to being established in wisdom challenge our expectations of how God works in our lives over time?
2. In what areas of your life are you trying to be the hero instead of recognizing your limitations and need for others?
3. Who is your 'Jethro'—someone with permission to speak bluntly into your life about decisions or patterns that aren't healthy?
4. How does the fear of the Lord serve as the foundation for receiving and applying wisdom, and what does that look like practically in your daily decisions?
5. What responsibilities or tasks are you holding onto so tightly that releasing them would feel like a crisis, and why?
6. How does the principle that 'overworked leaders create overworked communities' apply to your influence in your family, workplace, or church?

7. Which of the delegation questions (Does this have to be done? Am I the only one who can do it? etc.) most convicts you about how you're currently operating?
8. How can proper delegation actually expand your calling rather than diminish it, and where might God be inviting you to multiply your effectiveness?
9. Who are the people in your 'bullpen' of advisors for different areas of life, and are there gaps where you need to invite wise counsel?
10. How does recognizing that Jesus is the ultimate hero who bore what we cannot bear free you to release control and receive help from others?