

# Sermon Discussion Questions

The Day – Matt Slocum  
Sermon Text: Exodus 12- 14

## AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

## INTRODUCTION

The Day. Over the years, there have been numerous days which have impacted the course of human history. We remember and celebrate those days, but there has only been one day, The Day, that made complete a new way for humanity. The Day provided an exit for us from the land of death into the land of new life. Let's take a deeper look as we celebrate The Day.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. This past week you were challenged to refocus your mind on the bigger picture to see where God was working. Did something new present itself to you and you saw God working somewhere you didn't expect?
2. Is there anything special that spoke to you during Matt's Easter message?
3. According to the beliefs of the ancient near east, water separated the land of the dead from the land of the living. What are some of the ways we see this belief depicted in the scriptures? (There were quite a few depictions of this from the story presentation and from Matt's message). Do you see any similarities between those and how the gulf of sin separates us from the life God wants for us?
4. What does it mean to you that God fights for you? Do you have a specific example you can share of how God has been fighting for you?
5. Think about the requirement for both the lamb and the blood at Passover. What was required of the lamb? What were they supposed to do with the blood? How is that significant for what played out during the death and resurrection of Jesus? How did Jesus defeat death by dying?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is one thing you wish you had learned sooner in life?
2. What is your ideal road trip?
3. Which fictional character would you most like to have dinner with?

## **APPLICATION**

God fought for the Israelites to deliver them out of the land of death and into the land of promise, the land of life. God defeated Pharaoh. Is there a “pharaoh” in your life that you need God to defeat? What is it? Will you trust God to deliver you?

## **PRAYER (20-30 min)**

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that we will let God lead us into something new. That we will claim the blood of Jesus on our lives and exit the land of death and step into the new life that God has for us.

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group, sign up at [vckceast.com](http://vckceast.com) or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Men’s Retreat – 28-30 April (<https://www.harvestvc.org/vineyard-mens-retreat> )

Women’s Retreat – 6-7 May (<https://nwckc.com/women>)

Middle and High School Camp – 31 May-3 June

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**Our God doesn’t just watch, He fights for us!**