

Small Group Guide – February 7, 2026

"I Brought You to Myself: Carried on Eagle's Wings"

Exodus 19:4-6

Discussion Questions

1. How does viewing Exodus as a love story between God and Israel change your understanding of the Old Testament?
2. What does the imagery of God carrying Israel on "eagle's wings" communicate about God's character?
3. Who were the "mixed multitude" and what happened to them at Mount Sinai? How does this relate to Gentile believers being grafted into Israel (Romans 9-11)?
4. What does it mean that believers are called a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9)?
5. The pastor said, "Your personal salvation is important... but it is only part of the BIG picture." What did he mean by this? How does Western individualism sometimes conflict with the Biblical communal perspective?
6. Why does God require our participation rather than doing everything for us? What are some examples from the Exodus story where God expected Israel to participate in their deliverance?
7. How do you reconcile being saved by grace with the call to keep God's commandments (John 14:15)? Why is obedience not a "works-based salvation" but rather evidence of love and relationship?

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Exodus is fundamentally about God's love and desire for relationship with His people
- ✓ God rescued us not just FOR us, but to make us ambassadors who bless others
- ✓ As believers, we are a "royal priesthood" called to proclaim God's praises to the world
- ✓ Faith includes both trust in God AND allegiance to Him—it requires participation
- ✓ God's commandments teach us how to love God and love our neighbors
- ✓ Our individual salvation has a purpose far greater than ourselves

Breaking Out of the Bubble

- The pastor said, "Someone might say, 'BUT I didn't sign up to go tell people about God and His Messiah... I just wanted to be saved.'" How would you respond to someone who feels this way?

- What fears or obstacles keep you from being an ambassador for Messiah?

This Week's Challenge

- Share the Light : Identify one person in your life who needs to know more about God. Commit to sharing one thing you learned from Scripture this week with them.