



Captivity should never be our identity. Using the Exodus story as a platform, this series will explore ways God’s people can live fully into the freedom He wants them to enjoy.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began saying, “For millennia the Jewish people have continued to tell the story of the night when God finally delivered their ancestors from Egyptian bondage.” Give a few examples from your life of stories that are repeated often and celebrated. Discuss why we value stories from the past

2 GOD’S LAST JUDGEMENT. Read Exodus 10:1, 4-6, 11:12-14, 11:24-30. What did this deliverance settle for Pharaoh once and for all?

3 GOD WILL DELIVER... Judgement. Rick notes that history is not cyclical but is moving deliberately and purposefully toward an appointed end. **Read Hebrews 9:27; 2 Timothy 4:1-2.** Rick said, “because the Lord is a God of justice, you can be sure that evil will not get away with anything.” Why is God’s judgement welcomed as good news in the Bible, and who are the people today who are most likely to do so?

4 GOD WILL DELIVER... a way to be delivered from judgement. Rick said, “God’s judgement is impartial and unbiased; He plays no favorites. Everyone has sinned, and no one under the power of sin can free themselves, but God has made a way for anyone to be delivered from judgement.” How is the Exodus story a backdrop to the bigger story of God engaging again an evil ruler to free slaves? **Read John 1:29; 5:24, 39-40.** So, what freed the Israelites? What frees us? Talk about your “freedom” journey with Jesus.

5 THREE WAYS GOD WILL DELIVER...

1) “Under the Blood.” Read Exodus 12:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 3:23-25. There is power in the blood. Rick notes that this is the first time in the plagues that the Israelites are called to do anything. They had to “apply the blood.” Salvation is more than being sincere. It means coming *under the blood*. How does baptism “reenact” the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection to new life?

2) It’s an “Open to All” way. Read Exodus 12:37-38. The exodus included more than just Israelites. It says, “many other people.” When scripture reveals who Jesus came to deliver, the word is “whoever.” **Read John 3:16; 4:14; 6:37; 11:26.** Rick says, “Jesus came for the ‘uns’—the unappreciated, the unnoticed, the uninvited, the unwanted.” How can the church be a “mixed multitude”? Also, how can the church balance exclusivity—only Jesus can save—with inclusivity—Jesus welcomes all?

3) It’s an “Only by God” way. Read Exodus 6:6-7. Rick said, “No Hebrew who left Egypt that night did so boastfully.” **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** Israel was delivered by the gracious hand of God...and so are we. There is no such thing in our walk with Jesus as “self-salvation.” Jesus delivers “from,” but he also delivers “to.” Discuss how that gives you strength and hope for your journey.

6 GOD WILL DELIVER... FROM JUDGEMENT TO DELIVER TO HIMSELF. Imagine together what intimacy of being in the presence of God will be like...

