



LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Read our primary text. How did Israel get here? Who can give us a 1-minute recap of Israel up to this point?

At the conclusion of Genesis, Joseph had gained much power and favor in Egypt. In God's providence, Pharaoh granted Israel (the sons of Jacob and their descendants) land to dwell and grow. After years of growth and prosperity, Israel grew significantly in number. At this time, Egypt gained a new Pharaoh and he took notice of Israel's great magnitude. This became a problem for him, which led to him force the people of Israel into slavery, suppressing their ability to flourish, thus adding to his power (Exodus 1).

3. Geographically, what was the visual for Israel in chapter 14? What were their options of escape?
Israel found themselves in a "no turning back" situation. Because they were likely located on a col-de-sac of land facing the Red Sea, their options were minimal. It was face the army of Egypt or face the Red Sea.
4. Fear is a prominent theme in this chapter. What fears were present? What fears were supreme?
Israel was battling several types of fear; they feared Egypt, they feared slavery, they feared death, they feared entering a massive corridor of water, and they feared the Lord. Ultimately, after strong leadership by Moses, Israel remembered what God had done through the plagues and how he delivered them to this point, so they trusted Moses and God's plan for them to cross the sea.

5. After hearing/reading all the wild things that God did early in this book, why do you think God did it this way? Why so grand...why so extreme?

God was making Himself known (see v.4). God was not just making Himself known to the Egyptians, but He was preparing for His name and power to be known among the nations. Pastor John Piper says, "When God repeatedly says that his goal is that his name (and power Ex. 9:16) might be known, we know that this aim was not that his name be known and despised, but known and *glorified*."

6. How does this text challenge you? How does it affect your daily life?

[Dialogue]

7. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to repent of before the group?
[apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger]
- Let's pray, confessing our shortcomings to the Lord and for obedience to what we have learned.

HOMEWORK:

- **Fighter Verse Memory** (available in the app store)
2 Chronicles 16:9 - For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.
- **Listen to the book of Exodus over the next 2 weeks (2hr 51min).**

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible (Crossway)
- Piper, John. *Providence*. Crossway, pg. 94.