

Life Groups
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OUT OF EGYPT



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Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.
Those who sow the tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

WEEK ONE

SERMON NOTES

Read

Romans 7:14-25

Reflect

How would you define 'sin'? How is it different from simply "breaking the rules"?

Where are you consistently making choices that are diminishing the life in you and in the people around you? To put it a different way, where are you addicted? Where are you enslaved? Where does sin have its teeth in your life?

WEEK TWO

SERMON NOTES

Read

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Reflect

Where does God's kingdom vision seem the weirdest compared to what our own society presently accepts as "normal"?

In what area of life is God calling you personally to practice a bit more holy oddness?

WEEK THREE

SERMON NOTES

Read

Philippians 2:1-18

Reflect

If you are a person of faith, how would you explain to somebody else what it means to you to be in relationship with God?

What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind you? How are you cultivating that legacy?

WEEK FOUR

SERMON NOTES

Read

Acts 7

Reflect

What is idolatry, and what does it look like in the 21st century?

What aspects of your own faith or vision of God are you most likely to unintentionally freeze into an idol? (One way to start figuring this out is to ask what stories or teachings of Jesus you're most likely to downplay or avoid.)

WEEK FIVE

SERMON NOTES

Read

Hebrews 10:1-25

Reflect

How would the world be different without Jesus?

Where would you most like to see the Spirit begin a work of transformation in your life?

WEEK SIX

SERMON NOTES

Read

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Reflect

What makes the church different from just another social club or civic organization?

What is one small, practical step you can take this week to begin to engage God's mission more deeply?

WEEK SEVEN

SERMON NOTES

Read

Psalm 63

Reflect

The practice of keeping Sabbath is the only spiritual practice that the Old Testament law of Israel prescribed the death penalty for breaking. Why do you think keeping Sabbath was viewed as this important?

What spiritual practice that is not currently part of your regular life rhythm are you committed to trying out for the next 6-8 weeks?

WEEK EIGHT

SERMON NOTES

Read

Ephesians 6:10-20

Reflect

What difference does knowing the end of the story make for how we operate here in the middle?

Where are you currently encountering resistance in your own spiritual journey?