

Joy

Scripture:

Exodus 2:23-25

Also

☞ Questions: Psalm 23:5-6; Romans 5:8, 8:38-39; Psalm 16:11

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scripture passages?

1. Read Exodus 2:25, and keep in mind that when it says God was "concerned" or that God "knew", it meant that God knew them intimately, that God knew His people in the deepest ways possible.
 - Take a few moments to think about that in your own life. What does God knowing you on the deepest level look like?
 - What thoughts or feelings does that spark for you? Why?
 - Based on God's Word, what do you think God would want you to feel?
 - If there is a difference between the two, what can you do to bring yourself more in harmony with Scripture?
2. Read Psalm 23:5-6. This passage includes the idea of God demonstrating the kind of hospitality that makes a guest feel welcomed and at home; in fact, the overflowing cup represents a true enjoyment of the guest by the host.
 - Can you remember a time when you experienced extraordinary hospitality that made you feel wanted/appreciated like that?
 - What about a time when you may have experienced in-hospitality?
 - Do you feel "at home" with God?
 - Do you help others to feel at home with God?
3. In the Exodus passage, God was at the beginning the process of using Moses to set the people free from their bondage.
 - What does that indicate to you about how God loves people before they're free from bondage?
 - On a scale of 1-10, how well does your attitude about people still in bondage align with God's?
 - Are there areas of your life where you may still be in bondage - not ultimate, eternal kind of bondage, but perhaps you feel enslaved to a particular sin. What does this passage indicate about God's love for you?
4. Spend some time thanking God for His great love for people who are in bondage, and His provision to get us out!

Begin this series by joining us in praying that we (both individually and as church family) will truly experience joy this summer!