

St John's Meads –Home Groups

God Saves: A Rescued People



Review: Last week we looked at the reality of captivity – for the people of Israel and for us. But we also learned of God's sympathy for our plight. Out of the depths of slavery, God planned, spoke, and equipped his people for escape into freedom, in line with his promise to Abraham. This week we look at how God did this, and how he continues to save through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Discuss:

- Despite the plagues that God had sent to Egypt in judgement on them (Exodus ch 7-11), Pharaoh continued to be a curse to the people of Israel. How did God use the 'blood of the lamb' to as part of his rescue plan for his people (see Exodus 12:6-7 and 12:13-14) ?
- What was the purpose of the Passover Meal (12:8-11) that God instituted for Israel? See 12:24-28. Then read also Luke 22:7-20. What similarities can you identify between the Passover meal and the Lord's Supper?
- Moses led God's people, by His command, across the Red Sea in Exodus 14. They had been hemmed in by the pursuing Egyptians and their own fear and lack of faith (14:10-14).
 - What 'hems' us in? How do we feel 'cornered'?
 - In what areas do we need to have more faith in God's rescue plan for us?
- Last week, we looked at our own captivity. Our rescue means moving away from those sins that enslave us. By contrast, Ephesians 4:17-5:21, in particular, summarises what it is to live 'in the light'. What are the characteristics of that? How would living that way liberate us?



Pray: Give thanks for a saving God. That he doesn't abandon us, but hears our cries and comes to our rescue. Give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice and that through his resurrection, we are freed from slavery into new hope and a restored relationship with our creator.