

Life Group Questions - 6th March 2023

Begin the session with prayer and asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

*The sermon mentions creation imagery and language used in each event indicating that it is a type of new creation (Noah and the flood (**Genesis 7:11**), the Exodus (**Exodus 14:21**), crossing the Jordan (**Joshua 3:15**), Jesus (**Luke 9:28-31**).*

- 1) What new creation imagery and language did you notice?
- 2) Are there any other examples of new creation imagery and language not mentioned in the sermon?
- 3) Do you notice any other parallels between the events? Do you notice parallels with other stories? How do these parallels inform your understanding of each story?
- 4) Read: **Psalm 77:18-20, Psalm 78:12-13, Psalm 106:9-11** Can you think of any other examples where exodus imagery is used in the Psalms or the Prophets?

The sermon also mentioned a parallel between the life of Jesus and the history of Israel.

- 5) What parallels were mentioned?
- 6) Were there any other parallels that you noticed or are aware of?
- 7) What do you think is the significance of Jesus' life paralleling the life of Israel? **Read** through these passages **Matthew 2:13-16, Hosea 11:1, Matthew 4:1-11**

In each new creation event death is a necessary part. Noah's generation, firstborn of Egypt, the wicked generation of Israel, and Jesus. God then gives his people a new opportunity to get it right and follow him properly.

- 8) What part of yourself may need to die in order for God to make you into a new creation?
- 9) What does doing what's right and properly following God look like? Read **Romans 6:15, Galatians 4:8, John 8:34**.
- 10) How can we help and encourage one another to submit to God's desire to make us new?

Digging deeper.

*Below is a further exploration of the link between Jesus and the Exodus. If you don't have time to discuss them perhaps you could take them away with you and look into it individually. The final plague of the Exodus was the killing of the firstborn sons of Egypt. God provides a way for the Hebrews to protect themselves from this curse. **Read Exodus 12:3-12.** Jesus and his disciples were celebrating Passover the night before he died.*

- 11) Is there any significance to the timing of his sacrifice?
- 12) Do you notice any similarities with the passover lamb and the story of Jesus?
- 13) Do you notice any parallels between the life of Moses and the life of Jesus? **Read Matthew 2:13-16, Exodus 1:15-22, Luke 9:28-31, Exodus 34:29-35.**
- 14) How does identifying ourselves with Israel help you in your relationship with God?

Feel free to use this space to jot or sketch any words, images, or ideas you feel God may be giving you as you think about and discuss the above passages.