



REFLECTION GUIDE

Week of September 13, 2015
A Suffering People

EXODUS:

Preparing a People

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This week, Corey Widmer began our series in Exodus by speaking on suffering as a distinctive mark of God's people.

READ

Exodus 1:8-22

REFLECT

1. Have you ever felt a gap between God's promises and your actual experience? Have you felt hopelessness instead of hope? Have you wondered where God was?
2. Corey talked about how the reality that "we are not yet home" should add perspective to you whether your spiritual life is full of doubt or not. How does the statement factor into your life?
3. Do you react by fearing God or forgetting God?
4. Corey finished the sermon by saying "If God can turn Jesus' crucifixion into a resurrection, He can do the same for you." What aspects of your life are in need of such redemption?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how we can doubt, forget Him, and lose sight of the broader redemptive cycle by focusing on our personal pains of suffering.
- + Thank God for His constant ability to redeem suffering and grow us through trials.
- + Praise God for our actual home and the reality that all the sufferings of this world are temporary.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Work with your group, spouse, class, or friend on how you can augment your approach to life through a lens of not being home. How can you avoid forgetting God as a response to suffering?
- + Evaluate the various aspects of your life that show a gap between God's promise and the reality. Begin a weekly discipline of praying for God to resurrect your marriage, your relationship with your parents and children, your work situation, your interaction with your neighbors, your involvement and growth in the Church. Believe that God has the power to take the struggles and turn them into a grand example of redemption.