

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: This Is Us – Adopted Son

What's this message about?

The Exodus is the single most important event in the history of Israel (until Jesus' birth), and the covenant God makes with Moses is a foreshadowing of what God ultimately has planned. God's interaction with His people during the Exodus provides insight into His ongoing redemptive work. This work finds its meaning and fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ. For all of us who feel enslaved or in bondage to sin, the Exodus story offers the template by which God is working to free us. God's covenant with Moses at Sinai outlines a way of life that sets us apart. The Tabernacle provides us with a glimpse into how much God wants to be with His people.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *What do God's covenant with Moses and the Tabernacle tell us about God's redemptive plan?*
- *Read Exodus 12. How do the details of the first Passover help us to better understand God's relationship with mankind?*
- *What is a "fictive kinship?" How does this term apply to your relationship with God?*
- *How does gaining a better understanding of the way things were give us a clearer picture of who we are?*

Do something about it:

When Moses left Egypt many of those who were with him, who had been enslaved their entire lives, wanted to go back. They preferred the familiar (slavery) to the promise of a new life, a new home, and a brand new, rekindled relationship with God. If this were just a pipe dream, or even a remote hope, you might be able to understand, but it was a promise directly from God. Are there places in your life where you have accepted being enslaved to a circumstance or situation because you feel that is your lot in life? Just as God used Moses to deliver His people from bondage during the Exodus, He is offering you the same deliverance through Jesus Christ. Are you willing to accept God's offer of freedom and abundant life? Jesus offers us the answer: "Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened."

Digging deeper:

Exodus 12, 19, and 25; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Matthew 7:7-11; Romans 6:5-7; 8:14,15,36; 1 Peter 2:9,10