

## Small Group Discussion Guide: “Deliverance”

(Based on Exodus 1–14 and the sermon on salvation and deliverance)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWBYqox4izc>

### 1. Opening Connection

- a) Think back on your life — what are some of the most significant, life-shaping moments you’ve experienced?
  - How did those moments change your direction, your priorities, or your faith?
- b) The sermon said that the greatest, most defining moment in our lives is when we first said “yes” to Jesus.
  - When did that moment happen for you?
  - How has that decision continued to shape your story since then?

### 2. The Big Picture

- a) In the same way that the Exodus was Israel’s salvation story, how is your story of coming to faith a kind of “Exodus” from slavery to freedom?
- b) Read **Exodus 1:6–14**. What stands out to you about the suffering and oppression of the Israelites?
  - How do you see God’s hand quietly at work even in their hardship?
  - Have you experienced times when God was working behind the scenes in your own difficulty?

### 3. God’s Preparation and Call

- a) Moses’ life seemed full of detours—palace, wilderness, exile—but God was preparing him for His purposes.
  - Can you think of a time when God used a setback or “wilderness season” to prepare you for something later?

### 4. Salvation and Judgment

- a) The sermon mentioned that judgment is a hard but necessary truth — and that God’s mercy is always present alongside His justice.
  - Why do we struggle with the idea of God’s judgment?
  - How does the Passover story show both God’s justice *and* His mercy?
- b) Read **Exodus 12:12–13**. What does the blood on the doorposts represent?
  - How does this foreshadow the cross of Christ?
  - How does it change the way you see communion?

### 5. Crossing the Red Sea

- a) Read **Exodus 14:10–14**.
  - What do these verses teach us about faith in moments of fear?
  - What “Red Sea moments” have you faced — times when God asked you to trust Him when there seemed to be no way forward?
- b) The sermon compared the crossing of the Red Sea to baptism — a symbol of leaving the old life behind and stepping into a new life with Christ.
  - How has following Jesus changed your sense of identity and belonging?
  - What does it mean for you today to “stand firm” and trust the Lord to fight for you?

## 6. Jesus: The Greater Deliverer

- a) The sermon described the Passover pointing forward to Jesus — “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”
  - Why is Jesus’ sacrifice considered the *greater* rescue?
  - How does understanding the Exodus deepen your gratitude for what Jesus has done?
- b) When you think about communion — the bread and the cup — how does it help you remember your own salvation story?

## 7. Reflection and Response

- a) The Israelites were called to remember their salvation every year through Passover.
  - What helps you personally remember and celebrate what God has done in your life?
- b) Are there areas where you still feel tempted to “go back to Egypt” — to live in old habits, fears, or ways of thinking?
  - What would it look like for you to trust God to bring freedom in that area?

## 8. Prayer

- Remember what God has saved us *from* and what He has saved us *for*.
- Pray prayers of gratitude for Jesus, the true Passover Lamb.
- Pray for any other needs the group shares.