

Living Free: Remember

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Exodus 12 - 13

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Sometimes the captivity we know feels safer than the freedom we don't

We can long to go back to things that made us feel safe, even if it means we aren't safe.

*What 'imprisonment' has felt safe to you?

*Why can freedom be so daunting and scary?

Read and discuss

Exodus 12:40 - 42 (NIV)

⁴⁰ Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt^[a] was 430 years. ⁴¹ At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. ⁴² Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come.

*Do you think the amount of time spent in slavery to something makes it harder to live free?

*What does God seem to be saying the people should do?

God gives them the discipline of remembrance

Taking time to look back and remember helps us to look forward to live free.

*Why is remembering so important?

*When is a time remembering has helped you live free? Or when did you begin to forget something that a reminder helped you move forward?

We live free when we remember how we got free

Exodus 13:8 - 9

⁸ On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.' ⁹ This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that this law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand.

*How do you practice the discipline of remembering? What kind of practices remind you how you were set free?

*What about this process makes it a discipline?

Jesus redefined and became our Passover

The story gets retold. The setting free is remembered. And the living free finds hope.

*What part does retelling these stories to others play in the remembering?

*What other ways you can build the discipline of remembering into your life?