



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.26.23

Exodus 12:50-13:22 // Sola Oshunniyi

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Sola mentioned in his sermon that only a couple of countries in the world celebrate Thanksgiving. How do you and your friends and/or family typically celebrate Thanksgiving? Do you take time in your celebration to thank God for specific things? Why or why not?

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

1. For the week(s) surrounding Thanksgiving, we will not have a Sermon Recap Video. Sermon Recap Videos will come back next week!

Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Read Exodus 13:11-15. God commanded that the Israelite people consecrate the first and the best to Him as a way to remember how God brought them out of Egypt. Today as Christians, we are also called to give God the first and the best of our time, talents, and treasures. This is one way that we can honor God and also point others to His faithfulness and goodness.
 - In what ways do you seek to honor God with your “first and best” through your time, talents, and treasures?
- 3 Read Exodus 3:3-9. God told the Israelites to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread every year as another way to remember that He delivered them from the Egyptians. He also wanted them to use this feast as a way to share His faithfulness with the next generations. Christians today are also called to share about God’s faithfulness and goodness with those around us. One way we can do this is sharing the good news about Jesus Christ - the gospel.
 - In what ways are you currently sharing God’s faithfulness with those around you? Do you currently volunteer your time in the church, or serve with a Big 10 Ministry Partner, or participate in a LifeGroup, or help lead in a ministry area at CVC (these are just a few examples, feel free to think of and share others)?
 - In what ways do you currently work to bring the truth about Jesus to the next generations (those who are younger than you)?



- ④ Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul mentions that a little leaven leavens the whole loaf. He encourages the Corinthians to celebrate what God has done in and through Christ “with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” What does it look like for us to worship God in our culture and our relationships today in a spirit of sincerity and truth?
- ⑤ Read Exodus 13:17-22. In his sermon on Sunday, Sola mentioned that God led the Israelites on a long route out of Egypt, not a near or fast route (Exodus 13:17). At the same time, God never stopped leading His people. He was with them the whole journey, leading them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21). When in your life has God taken you on a “long route” through a particular circumstance or experience? How, if at all, did this long route invite you to trust in and walk closely with God?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- "Introduction to Exodus," The Gospel Coalition - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-exodus/#overview>

APPLY AND PRAY (40 MIN)

In the sermon on Sunday, Sola mentioned that the Israelites were called by God to honor, worship, and trust Him. Christians today are called to do the same! Sometimes, it can be easy to trust in God. But other times, this can be really difficult. Mark 9 tells the story of a father who brings his son with an unclean spirit to Jesus, hoping that Jesus can heal the boy. Read Mark 9:20-24. In verse 24 the father cries out to Jesus, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

Take some time to pray this same prayer together in your LifeGroup, either as a whole group or in smaller groups:

- If applicable, share a time when you have had to pray this prayer in the past.
- Give thanks to God that we are able to pray for Him to help us believe in and trust in Him more and more every day.
- Pray for one another, that the Lord would grant each of you a stronger belief, faith, and trust in Him.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

CVCKIDS

Blast: December 3 at 10:45am or 12:45pm

Blast! is our monthly family experience where children and their grown-ups come together to learn and have fun. Enjoy the music, skits, and videos, and get a chance to win a copy of our recommended resource for the month. You'll have the opportunity to connect with your child and be inspired to lead him or her spiritually at home. Blast! is designed to correlate with the K-4th grade curriculum, but all ages are welcome to attend.

CVCYOUTH

Ice Skating: December 10th

Join CVCYouth for their final large-group event of the year! On Sunday, December 10th all middle school and high school students are invited for an afternoon of ice skating together. This is a great event to bring a friend to and enjoy the Christmas season together.

EQUIP

Sunday Sessions Podcast

Our final two Sunday Sessions of 2023 will be taking place on Sunday, December 3rd and 10th at 9:30am. Walt Broadbent and Dean Siley will be leading a counseling series focused on families and the holidays. If you can't join us in person, you can hear all of these episodes and previous ones by visiting cvconline.org/sundaysessions.

SAVE-THE-DATES

CVC Annual Budget Meeting: December 5th

CVC Men's Christmas Party: December 13th

Christmas Eve Services: December 24th (8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 11:00pm)