

Family Studies on Congregational Evangelism - Our Mission

- Recommended Hymn: Lamb of God
- **Exodus 12:50-51** - “All the people of Israel did just as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.”
 - What had the Lord commanded Israel to do in this chapter? How did their obedience to this commandment contribute to their freedom from Egypt?
 - How does our faithful obedience relate to our deliverance by God today?
 - What does this thought have to do with our evangelism? How does our identity as a delivered people aid us in sharing the Gospel?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for our deliverance, and motivation to use our freedom as an occasion to help others find it.
- Recommended Hymn: We Will Glorify
- **Psalm 22:22** - “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”
 - How is this verse an example of the purpose of the Psalms as a whole?
 - Why is it important that those who have a relationship with God praise His name to each other? What does this suggest about the importance of worship and how it is to be done?
 - How does the church praising God and His salvation in its assembly affect its ability to praise God and His salvation to others?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to encourage us and remind us of our salvation and mission through our fellowship as His people.
- Recommended Hymn: Behold Our God
- **Zephaniah 3:9** - “For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve Him with one accord.”
 - How is this prophecy fulfilled after Israel’s return from captivity? How is it fulfilled by the coming of the Messiah?
 - Is our speech pure? How can we make sure this is the case? What speech do we know is pure, and are we sharing it with others?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to purify our speech and perfect our ability to deliver His message as a family and with our church family.

- Recommended Hymn: Firm Foundation
- **John 15:27 - “And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”**
 - To whom is Jesus speaking when He says this? To what is He calling them to bear witness? How has their presence “from the beginning” helped prepare them to do so?
 - How did this group fulfill this calling? How do they serve as an example to us as we do the same?
 - What have we been witnesses of as individuals and as members of the church that we can share with others?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** opportunities to bear witness to what we know about God, and confidence in Him that emboldens us to do so.
- Recommended Hymn: Christ For the World We Sing
- **Hebrews 10:23 - “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”**
 - Read this paragraph (Hebrews 10:19-25) together. What knowledge is the church’s ability to hold fast to its confession based on? What other practices of the church are based on the same knowledge?
 - What has God promised to the church? How can we know that we receive these promises as members of His church?
 - Based on all these questions, what is the purpose of the church? How can we help others understand this purpose, and how can that help us as we seek to evangelize to those around us?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** strength, provision, and motivation to be given to Christ’s church so that it may accomplish its mission.
- Recommended Hymn: More Than Conquerors
- **Revelation 12:11 - “And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”**
 - Why does this verse make a point to mention the fact that those who followed the Lamb “loved not their lives even unto death?” What does the Bible mean by this, and how does it fit with what else is said here?
 - Is there anything more important to us than the Lord and His testimony? If there is, what should we do? How can we help our church family answer this question and do what is necessary for the sake of our mission?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to remove our distractions and help us focus on His Gospel and mission as what is most important.