

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

May 6, 2018 sermon:

Exodus: "The spiritual butterfly effect"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) What is the most "alone" you've ever felt? What caused this? How did it feel?
- 2.) What is the most "connected and included" you've ever felt? How did that feel?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. We live in a society that values (for the most part) people who "don't need anyone else" (rugged individualists). In opposition to that mindset, in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the human body as an analogy of how Christians are to relate to one another. As you read 1 Corinthians 12:14-31, what are some of the things that catch your attention in regards to how God wants us to function as part of his family?

How have you benefitted from others playing their role in the Body?

How have you see the church limited or hurt by people refusing to support/connect?

2. Our righteousness affects other people. The reality is that what we do or say will often affect and influence those around us just as it did in Moses' time. King Solomon is another example of someone who had great influence in his lifetime. What attitudes do you see reflected in Solomon's prayer (read 1 Kings 3:7-10) that could help explain why he had such great influence?

3. Most of us have had to live with the consequences of other people's bad or sinful decisions. Their choice to use their influence negatively can have a major and often lasting impact on us. How could the following verses help you when you're facing this kind of situation?

-Romans 5:3-4

-2 Corinthians 1:3-4

-2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Application: (5-10 minutes) Do you have a spouse? A family? Grandchildren? A job or position in the church where you lead? You should always consider the positive and negative impact of your personal righteousness. WHO do you want to make a difference in the life of and HOW can your small group pray for you?