

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

May 27, 2018 sermon:

Exodus: "Why people don't want to be leaders"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) It's Memorial Day weekend. What does this weekend mean to you?
- 2.) Today we talked about the challenges of leading (and following). What is the most responsible "leadership" position you've ever had? How did it go for you?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. One of the points in the message is that "God is in control of who's in control". With this and other issues in our life, it can be hard to think that we're not in control. How could the following passages help someone who is struggling with the thought of God being in control of their life?

-Psalm 31:19 -Romans 8:28 -John 15:1-21

2. Envy is a perfect example of a sin that would be easy to hide without anyone really knowing it. Despite our ability to hide envy, it isn't hidden from God. 1 Kings 21 gives us an example of a king that had power, property and prestige, yet was still plagued by envy. As you read through the story, what catches your attention about how God responds to Ahab's envy?

How did Ahab turn this situation around, and what could be a way for you to turn away from any envy in your life today?

In what areas of your life are you most prone to envy? Is there any envy in your life you'd like to pray about or take action on in the next few days?

3. The Bible is full of things that feel unfair yet we are supposed to follow them! But as we dive deeper into the Bible, it seems there may be a greater purpose for some of these seemingly unfair things. What "unfair" principles or guidelines do you see in the following verses and how could they be for our benefit?

-Luke 6:28 -Matthew 20:24-27 -Acts 20:35

Application: (5-10 minutes) Everyone "leads" in one or more areas of their life, and all of us are "followers" in many more. How are you doing in both of these areas? If everyone "led" like you, or "followed" like you would there be more success or failure?