

Bible Study

Exodus 15:22-17:7 is the sermon text Pastor John Kimbell will preach from tomorrow. In order to prepare our hearts and minds for Sunday worship, let's apply what we've learned this weekend to this text.

1. **PRAY**

"...unite my heart to fear your name." Psalm 86:11b; "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." Psalm 119:18

Humbly ask God to open His Word to you, acknowledging that the Holy Spirit is with you to help

2. **RAKE**

Read Exodus 15:22-17:7 **quickly** to get an overview of the passage

3. **DIG and DISCOVER**

*"Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart."
Psalm 119:34*

Reread Exodus 15:22-27 **slowly**. As you dig into this text, ask the Holy Spirit to help you think deeply about what you are reading. What thoughts do you have about the text? Write any questions you have. What truths did you observe? Did you discover any diamonds? (*Suggestions for digging deeper: Look up cross references, passage in study Bible; use a concordance; diagram sentences, etc*).

4. **MEDITATE**

"...these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10; "With my whole heart I seek you; I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways" Psalm 119:10-16

Stop, chew and reflect on a significant/meaningful truth (s). (e.g. God's character, promises, gospel truth)

5. APPLY

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Tim 3:16-17 "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Rom 15:4

In light of 2 Tim 3:16-17 and Rom 15:4, press the text to your heart and write out applications of truths you desire/need to apply. Pray for God's help, by His Spirit, to apply and honor Him.

6. MEMORIZE *(Optional, based on passage)*

*"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11*

Choose a section or phrase that is particularly meaningful, especially gospel truths, to read over and over. It helps to write it.

7. PRAISE

"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day" Psalm 119:97; "Set your minds on things that are above..." Col 3:2-4; "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." Col 3:16

Let your meditation and memorization flow into a prayer of praise and thankfulness for your time with the God of the Universe! Ask Him to help you set your mind on the things of the Spirit, so to then live according to the Spirit in light of His Word as you go about your day. Recall these truths throughout your day.

If time allows, repeat steps 3-7 for the rest of the passage. Or break it into 2 parts, i.e., Exodus 16:1-36 and 17:1-7. If you are really ambitious, look for common themes!