



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

August 24, 2025

Exodus 13:17-22

Living Out God's Plan

1. In Exodus 13:17-18, God chose not to lead the Israelites by the shortest route to the Promised Land. How does this relate to how God sometimes works in our lives today? When have you experienced God taking you on a longer or more difficult path that ultimately proved to be better for your spiritual growth?
2. The sermon mentions how God's way is not always the most logical way from a worldly perspective. What are some examples in today's culture where God's way seems to conflict with what society considers logical? In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to follow God's way when it conflicts with what seems logical or practical?
3. How does the story of Joseph's bones being carried out of Egypt (verse 19) demonstrate God's faithfulness to His promises? What promises from God do you need to hold onto right now in your life, even when circumstances make it difficult to trust?
4. The sermon emphasizes that we are new creations in Christ and shouldn't define ourselves by our struggles. Why is this distinction important for Christians? How might viewing yourself primarily as a new creation in Christ, rather than through the lens of your struggles, change your approach to spiritual growth?
5. How does the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night (verses 21-22) parallel God's guidance in our lives today through the Holy Spirit? What are some specific ways you have experienced the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life, and how does it compare to God's guidance of the Israelites?