

When God Seems Silent

FIRE & CLOUD: A Journey Through Exodus

Exodus 5:1–6:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Compare the Lord's response to Moses in 6:1-8 with the Lord's response to Moses after he asked the Lord who he was in 3:13. While there are differences in what the Lord shares with Moses, one of the greatest differences is where Moses stands in the later chapter as far as a journey with the Lord through challenges. Pastor John briefly mentioned that while the Lord and his response(s) to Moses remain the same, Moses is coming to know the Lord more and more as they journey together through the unknown in the Lord's own timing. Reflect on how, no matter the answers God may or may not give us, we learn and grow with him through the journey.

Applying

Reflect on times where the Lord has been silent, maybe even while circumstances have gotten worse. What feelings, questions, or even insights have you experienced in these situations?

There is a lot of blame going on throughout ch.5 on who is at fault for such struggle and hardship between the Israelites and Egyptians. In many ways, this blame-game can reflect Adam and Eve's response to the Lord in Genesis ch.3, after being confronted after taking the forbidden fruit. How do we similarly default to blame-games? What can we learn from Exodus 5 and Genesis 3 about how else we might choose to respond?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?
What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?



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