

Getting Started

1. What is your idea of a fun vacation?
2. What adventure do you hope to take in the near future? How can you make it happen?
3. Do tight spots make you feel claustrophobic? Do you try to avoid them?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. **Canons of Dort I Main Point:**

Article 12: The Assurance of Election

Assurance of their eternal and unchangeable election to salvation is given to the chosen in due time, though by various stages and in differing measure. Such assurance comes not by inquisitive searching into the hidden and deep things of God, but by noticing within themselves, with spiritual joy and holy delight, the unmistakable fruits of election pointed out in God's Word—such as a true faith in Christ, a childlike fear of God, a godly sorrow for their sins, a hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on.

Do you exhibit these signs of salvation?

6. Read Luke 18:9-13. Which one of these two men humbled themselves before God? After answering the question read Luke 18:14.
7. Read Matthew 7:12-14 and Matthew 31-40. How do these two passages tie in with Luke 13:22-30?
8. Jesus says "For many...will seek to enter and will not be able." Read 1 John 5:11-13. How can we know that we have entered the narrow door?

Application

9. What does it look like for you to humble yourself before God? Jesus says in Luke 13:25 "When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'" How many of us think that applies to us? Probably no one reading these words, but it applies to someone otherwise Jesus would not have uttered it. In order to know that it does not apply to you humble yourself before God.

Questions

February 1 – Exodus 7-9 – Pharaoh continues to harden his heart. Why doesn't God get rid of him or at the very least un-harden his heart?

February 2 – Exodus 10-12 – Why does God institute the Passover feast? Why does he command that it be observed each year?

February 3 – Exodus 13-15 – Shortly after being freed from slavery in Egypt the Hebrews complain that God has brought them out into the wilderness to kill them. Why do they so quickly doubt God's sovereignty and power?

February 4 – Exodus 16-18 – What was God trying to teach the Israelites when he told them not to collect more than one's day's worth of manna except for the Sabbath?

February 5 – Exodus 19-21 – Initially God is giving out the Law bit by bit. Now he is giving law after law and they are very specific. Why?

February 6 – Exodus 22-24 – God is giving commands about the Sabbath and he says that the Israelites shall let their fields sit fallow in the seventh year. Why? Why do farmers no longer have this practice? Should they?

February 7 – Exodus 25-27 – As you read about the ark and the tabernacle think about how specific the measurements are and what God is asking them to do.

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The Gospel According to Luke

“The Narrow Door”

And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?”
And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”

Luke 13:23, 24

- _____ is a _____.
- **Salvation at first may seem _____, but the _____ is _____.**
- **Salvation begins by _____ ourselves _____
God.**

Topics: Salvation and Humility