

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 8th May 2022
Sermon Title: I am sending you: to live redemptively
Bible Passage: Exodus 5:22 - 6:12

Introduction

Take time to read the passage from a couple of different translations.

- What is the background to this story?
- What do you think the main point of the story is?

Recapping the Preach

Stu began by setting the scene by narrating the story through the eyes of a young girl brought up in Egypt as an ethnic minority and under an oppressive regime. He shared how God spoke through Moses promising to redeem His people and bring them into the land He had promised them.

- What oppressive regimes / countries do you know of in the world?
- Have a look at Open Doors website ([here](#)) and explore some of the challenges Christians face in these countries?
- What do you think it means to redeem?
- Why do you think God stepped in to redeem His people?
- Read verses 2-5: what do these verses tell us about the character of God?
- Read verses 6-8: list what God promises to do?
- Why do you think the people did not listen to God (vs.9)? Why did these things stop them listening?

Stu went on to suggest that the reception experienced in the Exodus called the people of God to a way of living. They were redeemed for a purpose and that purpose is to live redemptively (to live out the redemption they themselves had experienced by seeking freedom for those enslaved by various things). This is seen the way redemptive living was written in Israel's laws.

- Look at Leviticus 25 or Deuteronomy 15:7-11. What do these laws teach us about living redemptively?
- Why do you think God gave these laws to Israel?

Stu then went on to make the connection between the Exodus and our own redemption through the cross of Christ and made the point: nothing has changed, we are still called to live redemptively. Yes redemption brings us into freedom in Christ but that freedom sets us up to work / serve others so they come to a place of freedom.

- Read some of the verses Stu referenced to underscore this - Genesis 18: 19, Micah 6:8, Luke 4: 18-19 and Romans 6:19-23. What do these verses say about the way we should live.

Stu concluded by asking the question - so what will it look like. He referenced the 6M's as a way forward. Model godly behaviour, make good work, minister in grace and love, mould culture, be a mouthpiece for truth and just and be a messenger of the gospel.

- Which of the 6M's are you living out on your frontline?
- What could you do to help you grow in living redemptively?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- How can you bring a sense of 'freedom' to someone on your frontline this week?

Prayer pointers

- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>