

# From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #10  
lead up to Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

## Digging into Exodus 18

1. Read through Exodus 18 together and then share your initial observations & responses.
  - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention?
  - What parts surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?
2. Leadership in the church can be a challenging matter. *It was for Moses.* Vs. 2-6 paint a dramatic picture of how demanding leadership had become for Moses – he had sent his family away to live with his in-laws.
  - Read vs.13-18 together again and discuss what was happening and what was the impact on Moses and on the people.
  - *More importantly, why does this happen?*
    - *What in a leader can contribute to this?*
    - *What in a community can contribute to this?*
  - *Have we ever seen this happen? What were the factors?*
3. Read vs.19-23 again.
  - Unpack the principles and practices outlined by Jethro.
    - How do Moses *and others* need to think differently?
    - How do Moses *and others* need to engage differently?
  - Where is Jethro's wisdom needed in our lives and the life of our church?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Cor 12:7-25 and Romans 12:3-8 together.
  - How do these passages, together with Exodus 18, related to our life as a church?
  - What would this require of us?
  - What holds us back from this?
  - Who's already doing this well – that we could learn from?

**WRAP UP:** In a word or phrase, what is God saying to you/us through Exodus 18?

**PRAY:** *Take a few minutes to pray together for one another and the life of our church.  
Pray for our leaders and congregation –  
that God's ministry would be unleashed through us all.*