

WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message: Inside Job: What Separates Us | Toby Slough | July 12, 2020

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

During worship we sang about God's work to bring us into freedom by proclaiming "You have torn a part the sea, you have led me through the deep" (Egypt/ Bethel Worship).

1. When have you seen God go before you and prepare the way in an unexplainable fashion?

We often look at freedom as it relates to things external, however, while God miraculously parted the Red Sea to take the Israelites out of Egypt, He also spent years in the wilderness getting Egypt out of the Israelites.

2. How has God used the last few months to change you? To turn your eyes inward, toward Him and away from external things you cannot control?

The Presence of God

Psalms 139:7-10 The Passion Translation "Where could I go from your Spirit? Where could I run and hide from your face? If I go up to heaven, you are there! If I go down to the realm of the dead, you are there too! If I fly with wings into the shining dawn, you are there! If I fly into the radiant sunset, you are there waiting! Wherever I go, your hand will guide me; your strength will empower me. It's impossible to disappear from you or to ask the darkness to hide me, for your presence is everywhere, bringing light into my night."

- The Omnipresence of God – God is always there (Jeremiah 23:24, Acts 17:24, 1 Kings 8:27)
- The Inner Presence of God – the indwelling Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 1 Corinthians 3:16)
- The Manifest Presence of God – God making himself known to me (Psalm 16:11, Rev 3:20)

God wants us to experience His presence. Not just know about him but to go beyond head knowledge and live knowing that despite anything that is happening around us we can experience His joy, His peace, His hope and confidence.

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your "God awareness" on most days?
2. How can you better receive and recognize God's presence?
3. How do you increase your awareness of God's presence every moment of every day?
4. How does God's presence lead you into an overcoming life? A life that is not always focused outwardly but what God is doing inward.

Toby stated "The best thing God can do for you is to do something within you"

5. What does that mean to you?
6. Are you living your life in complete surrender, allowing God to do something inside of you, or striving to live with your best efforts?