

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / FEBRUARY 2

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read Exodus 6:1–8 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “God set up this whole rescue operation thing in a way that will cause Moses and Pharaoh and the children of Israel to see who God really is.”
- “The ultimate end that God pursues in all things, including salvation, is his glory.”
- “God’s people try to obey and they can’t, so someone intercedes for them with a blood offering. The ultimate version of this melody line will be Jesus, who touches our hearts with his blood, since none of us obeys God sufficiently.”
- “Where are you struggling, or failing, and how might God be trying to glorify himself through this? Can you let him? Can you trust him?”

### Group Discussion

1. This week’s sermon described challenging circumstances as opportunities to see God’s plans unfold. Can you share a time when a difficulty revealed something unexpected about God’s character?
2. Pastor J.D. said, “God hardening Pharaoh’s heart was only a calcification of a decision Pharaoh had already made.” What do you think about this statement? How does it align with the biblical text?
3. Can you share a time when you were trying to obey God, but things seemed to get harder? How did you respond in that situation?
4. God’s ultimate end in all things, including salvation, is his glory. How does this truth challenge or encourage you personally?
5. Where are you currently struggling or failing, and how might God be trying to glorify himself through it? How can we support each other in trusting God during these times?

### QUOTE

- “The reason you exist is to share in and to share God’s passion for his glory.”  
- John Piper

### PRAYER

- Ask God to give us a deeper understanding and appreciation of his glory, and to help us live in a way that reflects it.
- Pray for faith to trust God’s plan and purposes, even when things seem to be going wrong or getting harder as we try to obey him.
- Pray for each other, that we would support and encourage one another to keep trusting God and seeking his glory, no matter what challenges we face.