

Exodus and other Scripture passages
Theme: Exodus – The Journey of HOPE
PULPIT STUDY QUESTIONS: 1 July to 31 December 2018

<p style="text-align: center;">July 1, 2018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unity John 17:20-23</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your understanding of Christian unity based on verses 1 -2 with regards to the phrase ‘that all of them may be one’? 2. Jesus prayed for those who will believe in Him through their message. In what ways, each of us and as a faith community, could we be the conveyor of the Good News? 3. In what aspect do people around us see the unity of faith in us as a believer and as a church? 4. Why is Christian unity important and how could we cultivate oneness in faith, love and service for the Lord?
<p style="text-align: center;">July 8, 2018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Show Them the Way 1 Timothy 4:6- 16</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concept of training is mentioned in this passage. What does it mean to “train to be godly”? 2. Why should we need to be grounded in Scripture and strengthened our relationship with God? 3. In what ways could we grow in setting an example as believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity? 4. List the specific instructions Paul gives to Timothy and us in verses 6 to 11 From your list in question 11, which specific instruction is easier and which is more difficult for you to follow and why? 5. Verse 15 talks about others seeing your progress. How could we gauge the progress of our spiritual growth? 6. Is there a need to rebuilding our foundation in Christ through God’s Word, love, and mission for us? 7. How could we, as a CG and as a church, be diligent and passionate in showing others the way to God?
<p style="text-align: center;">July 15, 2018</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free Topic

<p>July 22, 2018</p>	<p>Idolatry That Is Most Profane. Exodus 32:1-20</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the situation which gave rise to the people making the golden calf and what did this show about the faith of the people towards God as well as their attitude towards Moses? 2. We do not make and worship idols of calves, but do we face this temptation in other forms? 3. Why do you think Aaron gave into them (and so easily)? What can we learn about our faith in God and our spiritual leaders in this incident? 4. Have you ever felt God's absence and wondered if he would ever return? Can you empathize with the Israelites in their fear and impatience? 5. What does this chapter teach us about sin, wrath, and mercy? 6. In what incidents in the past or the present have cause us to turn away from God to seek other means of assurance?
<p>July 29, 2018</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free Topic
<p>August 5, 2018</p>	<p>The Testing Exodus 32:21-35</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you describe Aaron's reaction to Moses' anger? (21-24) 2. Verse 21, "What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?" Moses understood that this plan didn't originate with Aaron, but that he allowed it and implemented it. In our context, in what ways could we condone a sinful act or thought? 3. Do we easily fall prey to compromise God's teachings when we encounter challenging circumstances? 4. Read verses 26 - 29. What could we learn from the fundamental choices the Israelites made? 5. Do we see the need to have a repentant heart and seeking God's forgiveness of our sins (known/unknown) an important aspect of our spiritual health? 6. Do this passage enrich us on the attributes of God's grace (forgiving) and holiness (Do not tolerate sin)?

August 12, 2018		1. Prison Sunday (Highlights of Prison Ministry)
August 19, 2018		1. Free Topic
August 26, 2018	Lord, Show Me Your Mercy Exodus 33:1-23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read verse 1 -3. How has God's faithfulness in keeping His promise (with context of their sinfulness towards God) and God's mercy in warning the people of Israel highlighted in these verses? 2. How do we find assurance in God's faithfulness? 3. God longs to be in our presence but our sinfulness or being stiff-necked in response to God's teachings could hinder us from drawing close to God. As we seek God's blessings do we also seek God's presence in our lives? 4. What are the '<i>ornaments</i>' in life that would distant our relationship with God? 5. What lessons can we learn from Moses in this passage about prayer?
September 2, 2018	The Hope of Glory Exodus 34:1-9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the command to make a new set of stone tablets reveal about what God is doing? 2. How does God describe Himself in verses 6 -7? Do any of these attributes stand out to you? 3. If you were describing God to someone who doesn't know him, what words would you use? 4. What was Moses' immediate response to God's revelation of himself? What did it lead Moses to do? 5. What would be our heartfelt response to God when God reveals our sinfulness?
September 9, 2018	Glorifying God Exodus 34:10-28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 10, God assured Moses that the people will see God's awesome deeds done for him. In what aspect in our Christian life could God's wonderful works of transformation in us be seen by people around us? 2. The word 'obey' in verse 11 and the phrase 'Be careful' in verses 12 and 15 is God's command and warning given to Moses to abide with and to be conscious of the danger of drifting away from God by the world influences. As we observe and reflect the values of the world around us are we careful enough not to be drawn to values that are contrary to God's teaching? Are we firm in our faith in God and obey His words rather than succumbing or compromising to worldly standards or beliefs?

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In 34:10-28, God reasserts His role as the just Law-Giver, jealous for His glory, wrathful toward those who oppose Him. How do we reconcile this portrayal with the God who is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness”? 4. Read verses 18 to 25 and share among your group the significance of eating bread without yeast. 5. When we relate verse 26 to our context, in what aspect do we offer our best to God or to the house of God (Church)? Reflect on our posture of worship (the whole worship service) in the house of God, do we offer the best of our praise and gratitude towards God and attention to His word? 6. How can we be an encouragement to fellow worshippers in giving our best to God?
September 16, 2018	The Glorious Gospel Exodus 34:29-35	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What might Moses’ shining face signify? 2. Why might Moses’ shining face cause the Israelites, especially the elders, to be in fear? 3. How might our lives be different after spending time with God? Will people be able to notice this difference as they did with Moses? 4. In what way/s do we “shine” before others? 5. Why would Moses be compelled to uncover his face when he goes in before God? 6. What is the significance of this passage to us today? 7. How does this passage fit into the life and ministry of our faith today?
September 23, 2018		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free Topic
September 30, 2018		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free Topic
October 7, 2018	Children’s Day Who is the Greatest?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Matthew 18:1-5 and Luke 22:24-30. Jesus is telling us very clearly that every life is precious in his eyes as He present the ‘little ones as the most precious of all. Discuss in your group, why would Jesus uses a child as an illustration? 2. Read Matthew 18:3. What is your understanding with the phrase “unless you change and become like little children”? 3. Luke 22:26 (ESV) says, “But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.” What is your understanding of ‘a servant-leadership’? Does the ‘servant-leadership value/principal in serving the Lord

		<p>only applies to leaders in ministries/church? Or does this teaching of Jesus applies to all believers?</p> <p>4. What is the biggest obstacle you face as you seek to be a faithful servant of Christ? How do you overcome it?</p>
October 14, 2018	A Call to Service Exodus 35:1-19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the punishment for anyone who did any work on the Sabbath? Why this punishment? 2. Why do you think God kept emphasizing the Sabbath commands? 3. How do you reconcile the fact that God commanded the contribution and yet responding to the command was a function of each person's heart attitude? 4. What are the ways in which a person could offer contribution/s to God according to verses 4 to 19? 5. What are your views in tithing, offering and acts of service to the Lord? 6. Have you felt God's calling to avail your service in any specific area of ministry?
October 21, 2018	Gifts and Craftsman Exodus 35:20-35	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the repeated phrase concerning motivation throughout this paragraph? What is the lesson? 2. What is the repeated phrase concerning the purpose of giving in this paragraph? What is the lesson? 3. How are you involved in the work of the church? What role is God calling you or what God put on your heart in the area of service? 4. Would you say that you give with a generous heart? If not, what could you do to change your attitude toward giving?
October 28, 2018	The People's Offering Exodus 36:1-38	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verses 1-7 tell us of God's giftedness to the craftsmen and the willingness of the craftsmen in heeding God's call as well as the people's generosity in contributing to the building of the sanctuary. As a people of God coming together as a church, do we see ourselves to be equipped by God in the area/s of giftedness in our contribution of building God's family and God's missions' for the church? 2. Are we committed in giving back to God or generous in our offerings to the needs of the ministry? 3. From verses 8 – 38, we learn that the construction of the tabernacle was carried out in detail and according to the command of the Lord. Likewise, the focus of our ministry and in building the body of Christ should be in the Lord and according to the Lord's guidance in His

		<p>holy word. In reflection of our part in the ministry, in what ways could we play a part in helping or encouraging each other to align our focus on God?</p> <p>4. Do we at times be overwhelmed by the burden of ministry and lose the perspective that God is in control?</p>
<p>November 4, 2018</p>	<p>Grasping God's Purpose Exodus 37:1-29</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this passage relate to Exodus 24:3-4? What does this tell you about the Israelites? 2. Who is mentioned in the passage? Who are "they"? What do you note about them? (Exodus 35:30-34) 3. What are your skills and abilities and where do they come from? How do these examples encourage us in the using of our gifts? (Exodus 36:1; 1 Peter 4:10) 4. How often were offerings made on the Table and what does it tell you about a Christian's daily life? (Exodus 29:38-42; Romans 12:1) 5. On the altar, the sacred anointing oil and pure fragrant incense were precise blends of ingredients that were for the Lord alone - what does this tell you about Him and how we should offer ourselves to Him? Would it be the same way we offer ourselves to others/other things? (Exodus 30:7-10, 22-33, 34-38)
<p>November 11, 2018</p>	<p>Everyone Has a Part Exodus 38:1-31</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Exodus 27:8 on the altar and Exodus 24:15-18. How did Moses receive the instructions from God? What was his part? 2. What part was played by Bezalel, Oholiab and any others who may have volunteered to assist them? What attitude did they show towards God and Moses? 3. Reflect on your part in the church as a leader or a servant- what attitudes and practices may need changing? How may you serve God and others better? 4. Record down the amount of gold, silver and bronze used for the tabernacle and whose contributions made it possible. What does this show you about doing the work of God as a church? 5. How do you think giving correlates to commitment? How do you think you can contribute to the church either financially or through service?

<p>November 18, 2018</p>	<p>Finishing Well Exodus 39:1-43</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observing the elements of the priestly garments, what may the significance of each element be and why was it to be a reminder for Israel? (Deuteronomy 8:8; Genesis 35:9-15) 2. As the people made the priestly garments with the best materials and workmanship (v.20-29), what do you think their attitude towards Aaron and his sons were? How are we to view our service to the authorities that God has put above us? 3. All the work is listed down in v.32-42, “according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work”- How long do you think the work took? Have you ever struggled with a longstanding task that the Lord has commanded you? Share your struggles and how the Lord has encouraged you to persevere. 4. As the people of Israel completed their work, they received blessings from Moses- what does “blessing” from the Lord mean? Where in the Word can we find references to what His blessing may be? (Jeremiah 17:7-8; Numbers 6:24-26, Psalm 31;34)
<p>November 25, 2018</p>	<p>Knowing God Exodus 40:1-38</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does v.1 remind us about our relationship with God and what He has done? Share how the Lord called/is calling you into a relationship with Him. 2. What did God’s invitation require Moses to do? What do we learn from this about how we are to live as Christians? 3. Upkeeping our relationship with God requires obedience- what areas of your life do you struggle to be obedient in the Lord and His teachings? 4. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5. What is your understanding on being a priesthood? 5. Identify the principle displayed by the Israelites in v.34-38. What might this principle look like in our lives? 6. The Book of Exodus ends with great hope and trust in God, especially, from verses 34-38. Discuss in your group on ways we could look up to God for guidance. 7. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What is the parallel affirmation of God’s guidance in these two passages?

		In what aspect of our lives do we seek God's guidance and affirmation?
December 2, 2018	The Magnificat - Mary's Song Luke 1:46-56	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the reasons why Mary's song begins with glorifying God in her soul and rejoicing in God her Saviour with her spirit in verses 46-47? 2. Mary models for us in her song of praise a heart of humility. What does it mean to be humble before God? 3. What are the qualities of humility and the positive impact/influence to others? 4. How can a lukewarm Christian develop a deeper hunger for God? 5. How has Mary's song model for us an attitude of thankfulness and trust towards God's faithfulness?
December 9, 2018	Song of the Angels Luke 2:8-20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you ever considered why God chose to reveal the birth of the Savior to simple shepherds who were going about their job? 2. God has always had a special place in His heart for shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were shepherds. King David was called from tending the sheep to shepherd God's people. What are the attributes of a shepherd we could learn in caring for the people around us? 3. How has the Good Shepherd been our guide in our faith journey? In our marriage and family? 4. How eager are we in hearing God's message? 5. How should we respond to the gift of everlasting life in Christ Jesus? How eager are we in sharing the Good News of the Gospel?
December 16, 2018	Song of an Old Man Luke 2:25-35	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simeon was a person of faith and patience in waiting for the Lord. In reflection of our spiritual journey, how has our faith grown over the years? 2. In the seemingly hustle and bustle lifestyles and society we are in, does it affects our patience in waiting on the Lord? 3. Do we build a habit of devotion to the Lord or a time of quietness to be still in His presence? 4. "The Holy Spirit was upon him", "it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit" and "he came in the Spirit into the temple". Share among your group what is your understanding in the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers?

<p>December 23, 2018</p>	<p>When God Comes into our World Matthew 1:18-25</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joseph was willing to bear ridicule from his family and village because of Mary. He could have put her away, but he did not. Why? 2. How did Joseph decide to obey God and trust in Him rather than in his cultural peer pressure? What does this mean for you? 3. How did Mary and Joseph suffer for their faith? How did Joseph's actions show his faith in the LORD's word? 4. Jesus is called, Immanuel, God with us. In what aspects do we see God being with us in both the trials of life and through our jublations? 5. Jesus is called, Immanuel, God with us. In what aspects do we see God being with us in both the trials of life and through our jublations?
<p>December 30, 2018</p>	<p>The Love of God Psalm 36</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is the fear of God the foundation for a holy life? Why is fearing God not opposed to experiencing His love? 2. What evidence do you see that the human heart is corrupt? 3. In what ways could a believer be blinded from acknowledging one's sinfulness? 4. Why does the psalmist switch from the topic of the ungodly to the topic of God's lovingkindness, faithfulness, righteousness, and judgments? 5. How would you advise a Christian who said that he wanted to hate sin more and love God more? What should he do?