



DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 18 – Family Wisdom

PLEASE READ – Ex 18

GETTING STARTED

What stands out as you read through the chapter? Highlight a few things...

How important do you think this matter is to God? Notice where it comes alongside the giving of the law and following on from God's miraculous rescue and provision...

1) SHARING THE GOSPEL

Why do you think Moses emphasises the names of his 2 boys given what we read in v1?

Why does Jethro set out for Sinai in v5? Was it worth the trip? If so, why? (See v8-9)

Talk about how Jethro responds in v10-12

Does it help to read these verses in light of Gen 12v1-3... (Remember where Jethro is from!)

2) SHARING THE LOAD

What's concerning Jethro in v14? See also v18...

What do you make of Moses response in v15-16? What's good about the response and what's missing?

What advice does Jethro give? (Notice it comes in 2 main parts)

What might that look like in the church today?

What should we expect to happen if we heed this wisdom? (v23)

Chat about the 2 phrases below and then pray!

'I would rather wear out for the gospel than rust out'

'Zeal without Burnout'

Meditate on the words of Jethro below...

V23: If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."