



Jesus, the True and Better Moses

OPENING: Begin with a brief welcome and prayer, asking God to help the group recognize where they feel trapped, restless, or afraid, and to see Jesus as the true and better Deliverer and Mediator.

Series Overview: In the True and Better series, we are seeing how Old Testament figures point forward to Jesus. Moses delivered Israel from slavery and stood between the people and God, but his ministry was only a shadow. Jesus is the true and better Moses who delivers us from sin and death and restores our relationship with God through His own blood.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- Describe a time when you felt caught between two difficult options or trapped in a situation with no obvious way forward. What emotions or reactions surfaced in you?
- When you are in a “tight spot,” where do you instinctively turn for relief, control, or escape?

DISCOVER

Read Together: Exodus 14:10-16 and Exodus 14:30-31

Initial observations + Interpreting Scripture:

- Initial Thoughts: What stood out to you from this passage or from the sermon?

Remembering God’s Presence

- Before Israel reached the Red Sea, God had already promised Moses, “I will be with you” (Exodus 3:12). Why is remembering God’s character and promises so important when fear makes us feel stuck?
- Exodus 14:14 says, “The Lord will fight for you,” while verse 15 tells the people to move forward. How do trust and obedience work together? What can happen when we emphasize only one of them?
- Where might fear be keeping you from taking a faithful next step? What would moving forward in obedience look like without pretending the situation is easy?

Jesus – The True and Better Deliverer and Mediator

Read Together: John 8:34-36 and Colossians 1:13-14

- Israel's physical slavery points to a deeper human problem: slavery to sin. What does it mean to be enslaved to sin?
- How can we identify the difference between enjoying a good gift and allowing it to take God's place?
- How is Gospel freedom different from simply trying harder to become a better person?
- The Old Covenant was confirmed through the blood of animals, while Jesus established the New Covenant through His own blood. What does this difference teach us about the seriousness of sin and the completeness of Jesus' sacrifice?
- How does knowing that Jesus has fully paid the price for reconciliation change the way you approach God after failure?

APPLY – Don't Settle for a Substitute

- The sermon described sin not only as doing bad things, but as placing good things in God's place. What good thing are you most tempted to rely on for identity, security, comfort, or worth?
- The human heart often searches for rest through achievement, relationships, money, substances, pleasure, control, or approval. Which substitutes tend to promise you relief but leave you more restless?
- Jesus invites the weary and burdened to come to Him and find rest (Matthew 11:28-29). What would it look like for you to come to Jesus rather than your usual substitute this week?
- The sermon challenges us not to ask only whether we are "nice" people, but whether we are "new" people. What evidence of Jesus' transforming work do you see in your life? Where are you asking Him to continue changing you?

GROUP PRAYER

Pray Together as a Group:

- Pray together, thanking Jesus for entering our deepest "tight spot," delivering us from sin and death, and reconciling us to God.
- Invite group members to share areas where they feel stuck, enslaved, restless, or ashamed. Pray for courage to move forward in faith, freedom from controlling sin, and confidence in the finished work of Christ.
- Close by asking God to expose false substitutes, reorder the group's loves, and help each person live as someone who has truly been made new.

CLOSING

Encourage the group to read Exodus 1-14 during the week and note every place God sees, hears, remembers, sends, acts, and saves.