



What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share
[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation, and Conversation on today’s text:

Date: 3/21/2023 – “From Praising To Complaining” (Exodus 15:13-27)

1. Where have you seen the dynamic of going “from praising to complaining” in your own life? Why do you think that is and what stood out to you about that in the message on Exodus 15:13-27?
2. The end of v. 25 says God was testing Israel in the wilderness. How is it helpful to think of times of need and uncertainty as tests? How is it helpful to think of how even Jesus was tested in the wilderness and how He prevailed?
3. v. 13 highlights God’s “steadfast love” (ESV) in redeeming and leading. Where can you highlight that attributed in your life and why is it important to give thanks to God that “His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136)?
4. Where do you see God’s supremacy and sovereignty in v. 14-19, and how does that help you to not complain? If God will sovereignly save even some of his enemies mentioned in v. 15 (Ruth, Rahab, Egyptians in Isaiah 19), how should that make us praise Him and have hope as we see His enemies today?
5. In v. 20-21 what does Miriam teach us about worship? Does it challenge you in your worship and how you think of worship (see also Psalm 149-150)?
6. How should v. 22-27 encourage us to trust the Lord who transforms and heals? Where else do you see sweetness from Him? How might this passage point us to Christ and away from what tempts you to bitterness?