

FOUR CUPS

THE PROMISE OF A LIFE FULFILLED

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Part 1: The Cup of Salvation

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

God gave four major promises, or "I wills," to the nation of Israel which were fulfilled in Christ. They were spoken thousands of years ago, experienced by the early church, and they are still God's heart for His people today.

[Exodus 6.6-7]

1st Cup: *"I will bring you out of Egypt."*

2nd Cup: *"I will deliver you from bondage."*

3rd Cup: *"I will redeem you." (restore to your intended purpose)*

4th Cup: *"I will claim you as my own people."*

PROMISE: An offer with a guaranteed result

[2 Peter 1.4]

*Through God's glory and excellence he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that **through them you may participate in the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

Many of us have walked out of Egypt, but Egypt still lives in some of us. God wants His people to walk in total freedom.

[Numbers 23.19]

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

[Joshua 21.45]

Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

You can't superimpose a promise until you stand in alignment with the Word of God.

[Exodus 12.42]

*On this night (Passover) the LORD kept his promise to bring his people out of the land of Egypt. So this night belongs to him, and it must be commemorated every year by all the Israelites, from **generation to generation**.*

[Deuteronomy 6.20-21]

In the future your children will ask you, 'What is the meaning of these laws, decrees, and regulations that the LORD our God has commanded

us to obey?' Then you must tell them, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand...'

**THE FIRST CUP: The Cup of Salvation (The Cup of Rescue)
= "I will bring you out."**

[Titus 3.3]

For we too were once slaves to all sorts of cravings and pleasures, wasting our days...

[Titus 3.3-7, The Message]

*It wasn't so long ago that we ourselves were stupid and stubborn, dupes of sin, ordered every which way by our glands, going around with a chip on our shoulder, hated and hating back. But when God, our kind and loving Savior God, stepped in, he saved us from all that. **It was all his doing; we had nothing to do with it.** He gave us a good bath, and we came out of it new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit. Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. God's gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come--an eternity of life! You can count on this.*

[Colossians 1.13-14]

*For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and **transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son**, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some promises that we see broken in the world around us time and again? What is an important personal promise that you were able to keep? Who did it affect?**
- 2. What are reasons believers sometimes get stuck between the promises of God? What are some things that cause us to**

continue carrying baggage, even after experiencing some level of freedom?

- 3. Why do you think many of the promises of the Bible are conditional, or covenantal? What is God trying to produce in you through this setup?**
- 4. How does rehearsing the story of the promise help us step into the promises of God?**
- 5. How does the Cup of Salvation (or Rescue) take us from one place to the next? Where has Jesus transferred you to: in your life, in your spiritual journey, and in living out your God-given purpose?**