

Weekly Liturgy  
February 13, 2022

# Church at Your Place

GATEWAY  
CHURCH

# THE BOOK of Exodus

God's deliverance and  
God's deliverers

## reflection

Don begins our new series looking at the book of Exodus and the life of Moses.

This week, we are introduced to the 'God of Exodus', the God who sets people free. We live in a world where people are bound by addiction and challenges and it affects us today just as much as it affected the children of Israel.

We're going to study how God sets us free then uses us to be instruments of freedom to other people.

## debrief

Ask a few questions about the last week's Practice:

- Any stories from the past week you would like to share to encourage the whole group?
- Any "aha" moments of breakthrough?
- Any highs or lows?

## discussion

1. What is/are your favourite confectionery?
2. Do you agree with Professor Art Glasser's comment that, 'addictions are the dominant form that possessive and destructive evil has taken in our culture?'
3. What do you think about the statement, 'addiction is ultimately a disorder of worship?'
4. Is there merit in seeing addiction through the 'disease lens' rather than the 'sin lens'?
5. Which end of the spectrum do you find yourself leaning when it comes to Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility?

## practice

1. This week, ask Jesus to continue to break off lies that are holding us back, to reveal negative spiritual strongholds that we may not be aware of, and to give us the strength and discipline to put into place any changes we need to make in our lives, as revealed by the Holy Spirit.
2. Check in with a friend or family member who you know is walking through addiction of any kind, or continues on the journey of healing and restoration. Encourage and build them up, remind them that God has not forgotten, that He will not forsake them and if appropriate, offer to pray with them.

## pray

### 1. CHINA:

As China hosts the Winter Olympics here are some prayer pointers on how we can pray for that nation - <https://www.prayforchina2022.com/>

### 2. BACK TO SCHOOL:

Pray for our children as they settle back into school and face new challenges, that they will know that God is with them in whatever they face.

### 3. LEADERSHIP TEAM:

As we continue to pray for our Leadership Team, let us remember Chris and Hope as they are away for a few weeks, back in the UK visiting family and of course their Grandson. Pray that this will be a safe and wonderful time for them.

## praise reports

As a community, our desire is to be resilient disciples of Jesus who celebrate and continually give thanks to God for what He is doing in our midst.

Sharing what God is doing, retelling stories of His faithfulness builds faith and encourages us in our journeys - and this is what we want to do!

So if you or anyone in your group has a praise report or testimony, we would love to hear about it and share those stories (with permission) with our wider community!

Email Megan at [megan@gatewaychurch.org.nz](mailto:megan@gatewaychurch.org.nz) and she'll be in touch.

## pastoral care

We have a Pastoral Team at Gateway who walk alongside people in our community who may be going through tough times, need support or prayer.

Please phone 021 318 663 to let us know if anyone in your group (with their permission) needs our assistance.

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**Thanks for hosting church  
at your place this Sunday!  
It's our prayer that this  
time together is a blessing  
to all gathered.**

**Have any feedback/ideas  
to make this even better?**

**Let us know!**  
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