

1. Describe a time you've been part of a healthy team or unhealthy team (in church or outside of church). What caused things to go well or fall apart? What do you think it needed for a healthy faith community?

2. Read Exodus 18:13-26.

a. What is the problem? How was Moses feeding into perpetuating the problem? What role were the people playing that also kept it going? How have you experienced unhealthy situations like that in church? Why do you think Pastors and congregations (if they're not careful and intentional) can tend toward a codependent relationship with each other? How is that not Biblical?

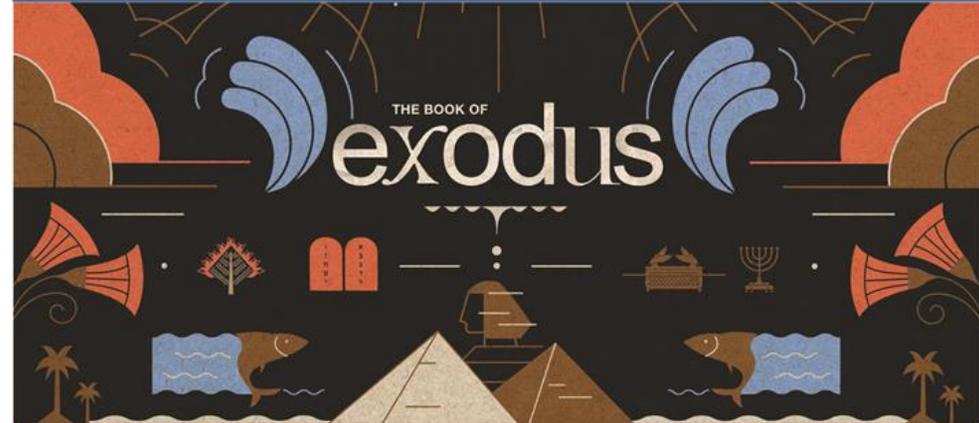
b. What was Jethro's response when he took in the scene? What was his response? How necessary are "Jethros" in our spiritual lives (i.e. people who will speak up and call things out)? Have you ever been a Jethro or impacted by a Jethro in your spiritual life?

c. The answer to Moses' managerial mess was a shared ministry. Why is this the answer and not to just have Moses work himself to death? ;) How have you experienced that in church (on either side)?

d. Part of the solution was for Moses to identify and raise up competent, Godly leaders. We discussed Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12 and 1 Peter 4:10 on Sunday. How do these passages (along with 1 Timothy 3, for example) help us to identify, invest in and raise up Godly leaders for His church? Do you know how God has SHAPED you for ministry? Take a few minutes to share how God has gifted you and put a passion in your heart for a particular area of ministry. How can that (is that) utilized at Northampton?

e. What role does humility play in the life of a leader? We see Moses humbly take his father-in-law's advice. What example does that set for the people around him?

3. Taking all of this in, what do you think God is calling you to do? Do you need to join the family of God, by faith (i.e. trust Jesus as Savior)? Maybe you need to discover how God has gifted you for ministry? Or, maybe you need to get off of the bench and get in the game - where do you think God might be leading you in that regard? What's your next step?



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org!

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
EXODUS Series
Exodus 17:8-18:27

NEXT SUNDAY:
EXODUS Series
Exodus 19:1-20:21

WORSHIP ORDER

BATTLE BELONGS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

I THANK GOD

WHO YOU SAY I AM

OFFERING

SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAINS

MESSAGE

SCANDAL OF GRACE

SEND-OFF & PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS
Real Life Discipleship
Overflow Room | 9:00am

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

THURSDAYS
Men's Bible Study
7:00PM

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship
Bible Studies

NEXT STEPS

The next Starting Point Lunch will be on August 13, 2023!
Sign-up in the Church Center App

GET CONNECTED

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you're all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

If you'd like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and for each other, join us on Sundays in the Cafe at 8:30. The plan is to begin right on time, so if you'd like to connect with each other beforehand, plan to arrive a few minutes early.

STARTING POINT

If you're new to Northampton, please plan to attend our next lunch on **Sunday, August 13, 12:30pm** to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! Please sign up **TODAY** in the app or at nbchurchcf.org. Deadline to sign up is **August 6!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Join us the first Saturday of each month from 9am-10am in the Café. Our study will be based off the "52 Weeks in the Word," facilitated by Cindy Worrone and Danielle Cordes.

BIBLE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP BEGINS TOMORROW!

For Age 5-11(K-5th)

July 24-25-26, 6:00-8:00pm

Register using the Church Center App or on our website.

Kids will be collecting school supplies each day of camp. Any item brought in gets a ticket placed in the drawing for bikes at the end of summer camp.

Note: School supplies will continue to be collected for the next three weeks.

SEVEN DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Mark your calendars for our next week of prayer and fasting **August 7-13.**

As part of this special week, make plans to join us Wednesday, August 9, from 6:30-8:00pm for a night of worship and prayer as we focus on students, teachers, schools and administrators. **If you need childcare for preschool and under,** please email office@nbchurchcf.org so we can plan accordingly.



Donations are being collected for the upcoming **packing party on November 5!** **Items needed:** **School supplies** (pencils, notepads, markers, crayons, scissors, paper) **Brushes, Combs, Hair accessories, Socks, Balls and Cars. No liquids please.** Please drop off donations in the foyer by the Operation Christmas Child information display.

- Thank You and looking forward to the Packing Party!! The Hornings

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

This week: Exodus 17:8-18:27

BIG IDEA: We must all strive together, with the Lord, toward being a healthy community of faith.

Moses' Managerial Mess (18:13-27)

A Healthy Community of Faith

Healthy ministry is _____ ministry

Healthy ministry _____ and _____

competent, Godly leaders

_____ - **lead** ministry

_____ - **facilitate** ministry

_____ - **do** ministry

Healthy ministry is led by _____

committed to God's agenda.