

Question 1: Who was watching?

Read Exodus 12:40-42 together. Verse 42 says the Lord "kept vigil" the night he brought Israel out of Egypt.

- What do you think it means that God was watching over his people that night?
- When you hear the word "vigil," what picture comes to mind? How is God's kind of vigil (protective watching) different from the kind Israel was asked to keep (remembering)?

Question 2: A God who never gets tired

Read Psalm 121:3-4. The sermon compared God's watching to a parent with a newborn, and then said the comparison breaks down because parents get exhausted and God does not.

- Why does it matter that God never sleeps or gets tired?
- Is there an area of your life right now where it feels like no one is watching out for you, or where you are worn out from trying to watch over everything yourself? What would it look like to hand some of that to God?

Question 3: Trust that looks like obedience

Read Exodus 12:11, 12:28 and 12:50. The Israelites got ready to leave before they knew how things would turn out. The sermon said, "Trust in the rescuer looks like obedience to the rescuer."

- Notice the order: God rescued them first, and then they obeyed. Why is that order important? How is obeying God because he rescued you different from obeying him to earn his approval?
- Where do you feel God asking you to "tuck in your cloak," to get ready and take a step, before you can see how it will work out?

Question 4: Keeping vigil this week

The sermon said, "To watch is to remember our rescue and respond with trust." One way we do that is by coming to the Lord's table.

- What helps you actually remember what Jesus has done for you? Think of habits, places, songs, people or routines.
- What is one specific thing you will do this week to keep vigil? Share it with the group, and choose one person who will check in with you about it.

Close in prayer (5 min)

Thank God that he kept watch over us before we ever knew to look for him, and ask him to help each person take the step they named in Question 4.