

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Getting the Word Out (Exodus 18:1-27)*

**Summary:** Christ forms His people by His word. As people of the word, we must get God's word out to the world, and deep into our own lives.

### ***Get the Word Out and In:***

#### **1. Get God's Saving Word Out to Others (vv. 1-12)**

- When Jethro comes to see Moses, he (Moses) tells Jethro everything that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake. This is a clear proclamation of what GOD had done, not what Moses had done.
  - What does this tell us about where our focus should be when we are sharing the God's word with others?
- Likewise in verse 8, Moses also shared all of the hardship that had come upon Israel as well and how the LORD had delivered them.
  - You'll notice that Moses didn't just tell the hardships and stop there. He wasn't looking for sympathy or trying to put himself on a pedestal. In explaining how the LORD had delivered them through those hardships, he was putting the greatness and goodness of God on display.
    - When you are talking to others about the trials you experience in life, are you using those opportunities to put God on display for those around you? Discuss some practical examples of how you can do this.

#### **2. Get His Living Word into Our Hearts (vv. 13-27)**

- Jethro tells Moses to look for able men to support the ministry that God has given him because everything can't be done by one guy.
  - How does this passage define "able men"?
    - Why are these characteristics necessary for discipleship and for the equipping of ministry?
- We want ministry leaders who are FAT (Faithful, Available, Teachable)
  - We should all aspire to be FAT no matter our gifts or talents. If someone is lacking in one or more of these areas, how might we encourage them?
  - In order for us to be equipped for the work of ministry we must point each other to the daily impact of the word of God. What does this look like day to day in your life?