

Small Group Study in Exodus
November 22, 2020

A suggested format for your group time

- Fellowship
- Prayer
 - *Lost | Unchurched
 - *Needs of Group Members
 - *Needs of Friends & Family
 - *Other Needs (community, church, country/leaders, mission partnerships, etc.)

A note about 'prayer request etiquette' - be sensitive to whether or not the person who is making the request wishes for it to stay in Small Group or if they prefer for the church at large to be praying (in which case, please submit the request at corahillbaptist.com/bethechurch or turn in requests directly to Vera: 270-670-1023).

- Study (see below)

*To give your group the best possible chance for robust, text-based discussion, send some sort of reminder during the week of the text that you will be looking at and encourage your folks to read/study beforehand

*Utilize the Small Group Leader Guide we provide each week

Book Summary

Exodus is the second book of the Pentateuch (a collection of the first five books of the Bible written by Moses, also known as the Book of the Law). It is the story of how God brings deliverance to Israel from the bondage of Egypt, enters into covenant with them at Sinai, and begins the journey through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land.

Exodus 2:1-25

Chapter Summary:

Moses is born. As the infant grew, it became more difficult to conceal him from the edict to kill all baby boys. He is placed in a basket on the river in hopes of preserving his life. His sister keeps an eye on him only to discover that the daughter of Pharaoh finds him and adopts the baby as her own. Moses grows into a young man (40 years). One day he intervenes in a dispute between a Hebrew and an Egyptian. He kills the Egyptian and tries to hide him in the sand. His deed is discovered by Pharaoh and Moses flees to the desert of Midian. He remains in Midian (another 40 years) where he marries his wife and begins a family. Meanwhile the bondage and suffering of the Hebrews in Egypt continued.

Key Idea: God works in to bring deliverance to His people.

Jumpstart Questions: (These questions are designed to generate discussion and to help your group make a connection between everyday life and biblical truth. Please feel free to use any, all, none, or make up your own questions to initiate class conversations.)

- Although we cannot see it, what is happening to a seed once it is placed in the ground? John Piper said that God is working in thousands of ways that we cannot see. What do you think he means by this statement?
- Do you believe that God is at work in the midst of this pandemic? Why do you think that God does not reveal to us everything that He is doing?
- How does the knowledge that God is at work to fulfil His promises and purposes bring strength and encouragement to our faith?

Suggested outline for reading the text and using the Process of Discipleship questions

1. Ask volunteers to read a portion of the chapter (**Exodus 2:1-10**) and then have the group make general observations using the first two diagnostic questions.
 - What is something you like in this passage?
 - Is there anything in this passage that you find difficult to understand?
2. Follow the same pattern for the following sections of Scripture (**Exodus 2:11-15; 2:16-25**).
3. Once general observations have been made, ask a volunteer to re-read the entire passage in either the same translation or a different translation so that the entire text is in view. Follow the reading with the remainder discipleship questions.
 - What is something this passage reveals about God (God the Father, God the Son and/or God the Holy Spirit)? **How would you answer if this was the only chapter of Scripture you had ever read?*
 - What is something this passage shows us about the nature of Man? Are there any good or bad examples to learn from?
 - Is there a command to obey or a principle to follow in this passage?
 - Is there a specific sin mentioned or exemplified in this passage?
 - Are there any faith-building promises to trust in this passage?
 - What is at least one-way God's Spirit is using this passage to personally encourage, teach, admonish, and/or correct you as you seek to live more like Christ (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
 - What is one specific thing you can ask God to help you do in response to this passage between now and next week? **This about different ways the truth of this text could be applied.*