

The Way Out | Exodus 1:1-7

April 16th, 2023

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) Does your family have any kind of family reunion? Describe what happens at your family gatherings?
- 2) What were the highs and the lows this week?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

- 1) Moses wrote the first 5 books called “the Law” or “the Pentateuch” or “the Torah”. Let’s combine our knowledge. What do we together know about Moses?
- 2) When do you think Moses compiled and wrote these accounts? How was God involved in the writing? **See 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- 3) What would you say are the benefits of Bible reading or Bible Study? What is the main goal?
- 4) What practices or tools have helped the Bible come alive to you? **(See Hebrews 4:12)**

Read Exodus 1:1-7 Exodus is tied closely to the first book of Genesis.

- 5) The first word of Exodus is actually “**and**”-- “**And** these are the names...” What have you learned about God in Genesis that might be continued and expanded in Exodus?
- 6) What phrases from Exodus 1:7 are like those in **Genesis 1:28 & 9:7**. What truths about man’s purpose might the writer be trying to re-emphasize? Why?
- 7) What number is mentioned in both Exodus 1:5 and **Genesis 46:27**. It is used over 60 times in the Bible. Why might its use here be significant? (There is not a right or wrong answer. Ps. 90:10 gives some clues)
- 8) What prophecies mentioned in **Genesis 15:5,13-16** are fulfilled in Exodus 1:1-11. What do you learn about God and the suffering of his people? (See also Isaiah 43:1-4)
- 9) How does the fulfilled prophecy in the beginning of Exodus show God’s great faithfulness?
- 10) Why is God’s faithfulness a theme the writer may want to continue from Genesis to Exodus? How has God shown faithfulness to you even when you were unfaithful?

God used Moses to deliver his people from bondage to Egypt in the 1st Exodus. God used Jesus to deliver His people from bondage to sin in the 2nd Exodus.

- 11) How is our struggle against sin similar to the Israelites struggle in Egypt.
- 12) How has Jesus delivered you from the power of sin and given you freedom in an area of your life?
- 13) Are there any impressions you would like to share from your reading of Exodus in the Live it Out or comments from the Bible Project overview of Exodus.

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God’s voice.

- 1) Lord, “Where can I focus more on your faithfulness and not my failures?”
- 2) Lord, “How can I make my life more about your purposes and less about my own?”