

The Way Out | Exodus 2:1-25

April 30th, 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) Have you ever lived as a foreigner in a different country? What did you learn from that experience?
- 2) Do any of you speak a foreign language? Say a few words.

Study Questions

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

Read Exodus 2:1-10

- 1) Moses' parents were Levites. Later in the story the Levite tribe will stand out from the others for their faithfulness to God (Ex. 32:25-29) How did his parents and sister show faith?
- 2) How has a legacy of faith or lack thereof made a difference in your family? What steps of faith could you take that might strengthen others in your circle of influence?
- 3) Our need for rescue from sin's consequences is a theme threaded through the Bible. How does the writer connect Moses' rescue in the basket to Noah's rescue in the ark? What other dramatic rescues are threads in God's story? How does this rescue theme also point ahead to Jesus? (Mark 10:45, Gal. 4:4-5)
- 4) How has God rescued you in the past? Where do you need his rescue today? What do you learn from this story about when and how God brings about rescue?

Read Exodus 2:11-15, Acts 7:23-29, Hebrews 11:24-26

- 5) What did Moses give up in order to identify with his people? How does this point to Jesus, the true deliverer, and all he gave up to identify with us? (Phil. 2:6-8)
- 6) Is God asking you to give something up to more fully identify with His Kingdom?
- 7) God's plan was to use Moses to deliver his people. What traits do you see that would need to change or be further developed in order for God to use him?

- 8) What will you ask God to change in you so He may use you more fully?

Read Exodus 2:16-25

- 9) How long was Moses in Midian? How was God preparing Moses and preparing the Israelites for the eventual deliverance?
- 10) What did the Israelites do when their condition became unbearable? How has God used hardship to help you call out to him? (Romans 5:3-5)
- 11) What was God's response to their cry and what does that tell you about God? (Psalm 40:1-3, 34:17-18)
- 12) God "remembered his covenant" does not mean it had slipped His mind, rather it means that it was time to take action on it. God's timing is critical to his plan. When have you had to wait on God to act in response to a cry for help?
- 13) How has the Live it Out reading been helpful? What questions from the Live it Out would you like to discuss?

Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Lord, "Why have I stopped crying out to you?"
- 2) Lord, "How can I show faith while I wait for your rescue?"