

The Way Out | Exodus 3:13-22

May 14th, 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) Happy Mother's Day! What is one quality in your mom that you would like to continue in your life?
- 2) Did you have a nickname growing up? How did you get it? Did you like it?

Study Questions

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

Read Exodus 3:13-22

- 1) Moses learns the personal name of God is YHWH (possibly pronounced Yahweh). It is most often translated "I am that I am". What do you think God was revealing about himself by choosing this name?
- 2) God intended that this name would be how he would be known, but the Bible translates the name YHWH as LORD. How has that translation helped and how has it hurt our understanding of God?
- 3) How does the name indicate that God is a personal God and is with us? What difference does that make to you at work? in school? at home? in church?
- 4) How does this name indicate that God is unchangeable? What difference does this quality make to you?
- 5) After giving His name, God tells of the future of events that will happen with Pharaoh. How are these events an answer to an earlier promise? (Genesis 15:13-14) Do you think God knows the future of your life in the same way? (Ps 139:16)
- 6) God knew that the plagues would not convince the pharaoh to set the people free so what was their main purpose? How does that make you view the hardships we face today?
- 7) How have you celebrated even the "hard stuff" in your life?
- 8) The New Testament uses language to show Jesus is YHWH in the flesh. (Compare Phil. 2:10-11 with Isaiah 45:23) (Jesus uses the I AM phrase: John 4:46,6:20,6:35,8:12,10:7,10:11,11:25,14:6,15:1) Why does this name for Jesus matter?
- 9) How do you relate with Jesus differently when you think of him as YHWH of the Old Testament?
- 10) What questions or reading from the Live it out was meaningful? Why?

Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Lord, "Where do I need to trust you to know what is best?"
- 2) Lord, "Thank you for revealing your personal name, YHWH. How would you like me to use it?"