

Small Group Discussion

Week 13



Chapter 13 – Exodus and Redemption

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

No matter how great a study is, most groups encounter a “lull” during weeks four or five. Your numbers might seem down due to people’s schedules or maybe members are there but seem less prepared. Don’t fear the lull!! It’s completely normal to encounter this as people settle into a group routine. Rather than waiting to see if it occurs in your group, be proactive in thinking through how you might combat the lull with your group time this week. Think about a fun activity you can do as part of this week’s or next week’s lesson or maybe even consider planning a social gathering together outside of group time to get to know each other better. You can build their excitement for it by giving them a teaser of what’s to come in the following week as well. Whatever you do, it’s never a bad idea to think through how to keep your group time fresh. By thinking through this, you will serve your group members well and help their minds and hearts be even more ready to receive what the Lord has in store for your time together. Ask the Lord to guide you in this and trust His Spirit to work through your plans.

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD’S STORY - The character of God is clear - He is who He says He is. He is absolute in being, power, and importance. God is who He is; He is never changing, and He means what He says.

OUR STORY - We can be certain that God will rescue us because He has promised to and because His character proves Him to be faithful.

MY STORY - My view of God must align with who the Bible says He is, and not what I think. I can be certain that God will rescue me because of His character and His faithfulness in the past.

Starting the Conversation:

As we begin talking about “Israel” do your group members know whom they are referring to? The authors of Scripture could be referring to many things such as Jacob the Patriarch (his new name), or God’s chosen people as descendants of Abraham or the current country of Israel. Begin your group by asking them what they mean when they talk about “Israel” If you need to clarify for yourself refer to the article below.

Life Group Questions

1. Read Exodus 2:23–3:22 carefully. It records one of the rare instances when a human being had an audible conversation with Almighty God. What stands out to you about Moses’s encounter with God in this passage?

2. Read Exodus 5:22–6:13. What does this passage reveal about God and His relationship to His people?
3. How does God’s provision of the Passover Lamb for the Israelites help us understand Jesus’s sacrifice for us?
4. Read Exodus 15:1–21. How did the Israelites describe God’s act of redemption immediately after He led them out of slavery?
5. What do God’s actions in Israel’s exodus teach us about God?
6. The story of the exodus sets the paradigm for what God’s redemption looks like. How have you seen God’s hand at work in your own life?
7. What does Israel’s tendency to forget God’s redemption and begin complaining teach us about humanity?
8. Make this more personal. Talk about the times that God rescued you. What can you do to keep yourself focused on who God is and what He has done?

Additional Recommended Resources:

- “Are Israel and the church the same thing?” – GotQuestions.org article
- “Why did God harden Pharaoh’s heart?” – GotQuestions.org article

Prayer Assignment:

Ask God to make the story of Israel’s exodus vivid to you. Ask Him for the faith to believe that He will come through on His promises to you no matter how desperate the situation appears. Pray that God would help you trust Him for your salvation.