

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Exodus 25:2

Day 1—Chapter 5 of “The Story”

Day 2—Exodus 19 & 20

Day 3—Exodus 24:1-25:12

Day 4—Exodus 32-34

Day 5—Exodus 40

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?

Deliverance

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Chapter 4; Exodus 1:8-14; Exodus 12:21-23, 31

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.” Exodus 12:31

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Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. Share a time when God delivered you from a close call, such as death or danger.
2. While God saw Moses as the perfect person to face Pharaoh and speak the word of the Lord to the leader of Egypt, Moses saw himself as a political fugitive and a poor communicator who had no business facing the king. Give examples of how God can see us one way and we can see ourselves very differently. What can we do to increase our ability to see ourselves from God's perspective?
3. In the same way that God used Moses to set the Israelites free from slavery, he uses us to help people find freedom in Christ. Discuss your experiences with sharing your faith; what inhibitions keep you from doing so?
4. When Moses asked for God's "official" name, God replied: I AM WHO I AM. Why do you think God identified himself that way? What is the significance of that name? What does this name for God tell us about him?
5. Look at God's description of himself on page 39 (note the "I will" phrases.) What is Moses focused on? What is God focused on?
6. Pharaoh was "plagued" many times over, yet still refused to humble himself before God. Is there someone you know who has hardened his or her heart toward God? Can you see how God might use their decision?
7. The Feast of Passover (p. 42) was to be perpetual reminder of how God delivered Israel. What are the parallels between Communion today, and the Passover?
8. Even after being delivered, the people of Israel continue to grumble. Do you know any grumblers? Are you one? How does perpetual dissatisfaction affect those in its orbit?
9. God provides food and water for the Israelites while they are wandering in the desert. Describe a time God met your needs (emotionally, physically, spiritually, financially, etc.) in an unexpected way. Share how this impacted you and others.

Pray together.



Family's with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Key Verse: Moses answered the people. He said, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the LORD will save you today." Exodus 14:13

God provided for Moses through his entire life, and he provides for us today.

1. How did God care for Moses when he was a baby?
2. How did God provide for Moses when he was asking Pharaoh to let the Israelite people go?
3. How did God provide for the Israelites when they left Egypt?
4. How does God provide for you?

Pharaoh was very stubborn and hardened his heart against God.

5. Do you know a friend, teacher, or relative who has hardened their heart against God and refuses to see him?
6. Why do you think people stubbornly refuse to see God when he makes himself known in creation and everyday circumstances?
7. What can you do to open people's eyes to the truth about God?
8. If somebody totally refuses to acknowledge God, what should you do?

Family Activity: Grab a flashlight and bring your family to a dark room or turn off all the lights in the house once the sun goes down. Explain that according to the Bible, God led the Israelites at night with a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21). By following the pillar of fire at night and the pillar of cloud during the day, God's people always knew exactly where to go.

1. Have you ever been scared of being stuck in the dark, not knowing where to go?
2. How does God shine his "flashlight" today, so it's easier for us to follow him?
3. How does God's light deliver us and keep us safe?
4. God's "flashlight" is on all the time. How does it make you feel to know you can go to him whenever you're in need?
5. The Bible says, "*You are in the light because of what the Lord has done. Live like children of the light.*" (Ephesians 5:8) What are some ways we can live as children of the light?

Pray together: Dear God, thank you for protecting us with your Word and your promises. Help us to see you working in our lives every day. In Jesus name, Amen!

