

Slavery to Home: Exodus

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Exodus 5:1- 6:2

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Small Group Discussion Questions

‘Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice...?’

This isn't only pharaoh's question, but one we must answer today.

*How does the answer to this question relate to how well you trust God?

*When has knowing the Lord made a difference in your willingness to step into hard things?

The lengthy process of freedom was part of God's grace to His people

The road to freedom is never easy; it's a long and hard journey and sometimes we get comfortable being enslaved.

*How has a long wait or hardship been part of God's grace to you?

*What are some enslavements that have brought you comfort or peace?

The things that bring us freedom can be painful to experience

We have to allow God room to tear it all down so we can be free.

*How does pain or persecution bring us to the end of ourselves?

Read and discuss

Exodus 5:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹ The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, "You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day." ²⁰ They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; ²¹ and they said to them, "The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

²² Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

*What does Moses experience in this passage? How do the people feel about him? What is his reaction to God?

*How do you identify with him?

Faithfulness doesn't always yield the success we hope for

But obedience always allows us to see more of God.

*When have you been faithful or obedient but success didn't follow? How did that affect you?

*How has God revealed himself to you through that circumstance?

Read and discuss

Exodus 6:2-5 (ESV)

²God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty,^[a] but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. ⁵Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

*How does God reveal himself to Moses in a personal way?

*What would it look like to embrace being brought to the end of ourselves, to choose to trust that God is who he says he is?