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SEEING THE INVISIBLE ONE**



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Introduction

To study Moses is to study the Pentateuch. Simply put, the Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The last four of these contain the biography of Moses. While there are episodes of law-giving, reading the Pentateuch thru from start to finish clearly shows one long historical narrative. Accordingly, it is both popular and wise to consider these five books as written consecutively by the same person. Further, they were probably written in a relatively short period of time. Since we know that Moses wrote at least some of it, and the content suggests one author, we would be safe to consider Moses as the author of the entire narrative. The one exception may be the last few verses of Deuteronomy, which speak of Moses' death as having already occurred. However, many think that even those verses were written prophetically by Moses himself.

The theme of the Pentateuch is the call of Abraham and the promises that God gives him in the first three verses of Genesis chapter 12: much land, many descendants, blessing for his people, and blessing for others thru his people. The story in the Pentateuch is the fulfilling of the first three promises and the picturing of the fourth. This story truly lays the foundation for the entire Bible and certainly the groundwork for Christ.

For a more thorough explanation of the theme, timing, and content of the Pentateuch, see the ESV Study Bible's "Introduction to the Pentateuch".

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Week 1

A Letter to the Hebrews

Though the letter to the Hebrews is often attributed to Paul, the author of it is ultimately unknown. All of the declared writings of Paul tend to follow a certain pattern of style, form, and method. Hebrews differs greatly from Paul's works in all of these areas. While these differences don't necessarily eliminate Paul as the author, they certainly prevent any assurance that he wrote it.

Since there is not a formal greeting or introduction, the recipients are unknown to us. The traditional title suggests an audience of early Jewish Christians, and the content suggests a time period of pre 70 A.D. These really are the only pieces of background information that we can be very certain of.

While the final few lines make it clear that this document is indeed a letter, everything prior to them suggests a sermon. Some have called it a sermon letter, and it is a sermon with multiple themes. However, despite the multiple themes, there is a truth that is woven throughout: true faith perseveres. This type of faith overcomes sin, endures suffering, withstands trials, and patiently waits for the sure promises of God. The Christian is exhorted that his faith must endure. However, he is also comforted that, by God's grace, his faith will endure. Many examples of this enduring faith are found in Chapter 11.

Moses' Heritage

Hebrews 11:24-27

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Week 1 - Lesson 1

Summary

By faith, Moses denied his place in Pharaoh's home and chose instead to be identified with the Hebrew people. In doing so, he chose suffering over comfort.

Observation

1. What are the six words of faith in this passage?
2. Read Exodus 2:1-10. How could Moses identify with both the Egyptians and the Hebrews?
3. Moses' choice to be mistreated in vs. 25 stands opposite his refusal in vs. 24. With that in mind, what was he doing when he refused?
4. Read Exodus 2:11-12. How did Moses show that he identified with God's people and not the Egyptians?
5. It is thought that Moses was the only child of an only child. In time, what would that make him?
6. In choosing his Hebrew identity, what was Moses giving up? What was he choosing?
7. Read Exodus 1:8-14. How were the people mistreated?

Application

1. By God's grace, have you chosen to be identified with him, and not the world?
2. If so, what might the world say you are "missing out" on?
3. How can you expect to be "mistreated?"
4. What are some worldly pleasures or comforts that you have a hard time refusing?
5. What mistreatment by the world do you have a hard time enduring?
6. If you have been identified with God through faith in Christ, it is because God chose, paid for, and regenerated you- all by grace. How does this grace that saves also enable and encourage you to endure?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Moses' Hope

Hebrews 11:24-27

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Week 1 - Lesson 2

Summary

In choosing to identify with his Hebrew people, Moses willingly neglected the temporary comforts of Pharaoh's house and took on suffering. This suffering brought glory to God and benefit to his people. He considered the eternal benefit of these trials to far outweigh the temporal comforts he was ignoring.

Observation

1. Read Hebrews 13:12. What was the "reproach of Christ?"
2. In choosing to be identified with God's people, Moses is said to bear Christ's reproach. How is that?
3. How could he consider that better than treasure?
4. Is that reward temporal or eternal?
5. Read Hebrews 13:13. Are we to bear that reproach?
6. Read Hebrews 13:14. Is our reward temporal or eternal?
7. Read Philippians 3:7-8. What is the reward?
8. Read Hebrews 10:32-35. What were some things early Christians endured as they looked to eternal rewards?

Application

1. In scripture, following Christ is marked with suffering. How does that differ from the way Christianity is "sold" in our culture today?
2. How does our identity shape our interpretation of our circumstances?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. Is all suffering a result of following Christ?
4. When is suffering a result of following Christ?
5. How can we endure suffering for Christ?
6. What are some things you have endured because you were looking to the eternal rewards?
7. What happens when you focus on temporal things?
8. If God's grace is sufficient to save you, do you think it is sufficient to enable you to endure?

Prayer

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Summary

Moses led the people out of Egypt, despite great danger to himself. Even the persistent struggles that came with his calling did not deter him as his faith showed him the invisible God.

Observation

1. Moses left Egypt twice. The first time was when he killed the Egyptian, and the second time was when he led the people out. What about Exodus 2:11-15 makes us think that first flight is not what this passage in Hebrews is referring to?
2. Did Moses fear the king in his second flight?
3. Moses faced a king that had the ability, right, and motivation to cause him and his people great harm. Why did he not fear this king?
4. Does verse 27 give us the perception that the struggles were initial or ongoing?
5. Did Moses know everything that was going to happen? Did he remain faithful?
6. Verse 27 shows three reasons why it took it faith to lead the people out. What are they?
7. Moses faith led him to persevere, despite these struggles. What was he looking to for motivation/ strength?

Application

1. As we face legitimate dangers, what keeps us from fearing?
2. Do we know everything that is going to happen? Can we remain faithful?
3. Would it really be faith if we knew how everything was going to turn out and acted accordingly?
4. Read Hebrews 11:13. Can we be fully confident of God's promises, without having experienced them fully?
5. How has God delivered you from real danger or provided for you in amazing ways?
6. In what areas of your life would you be more faithful if you knew God would take care of you?
7. If God's grace has met your eternal needs, does it seem likely that it will meet your temporary needs?

Moses' Heart

Hebrews 11:24-27

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Week 2

Introduction to Exodus

Any study of the character Moses will necessarily spend much time in Exodus. There are several reasons for that. First, we find the birth of our subject here. Second, two thirds of his life is narrated in this book. Finally, the three books that describe the end of his life make much more sense with an understanding of what occurred in the early years. However, before we would dive into this book, we must be prepared to answer some glaring questions that will be prompted very early in the text. For example, the opening chapter of Exodus speaks of the people of Israel as if we should know who they are, why they are in Egypt, and why they are being afflicted. The content that explains all of that is found in Genesis, so a short review of that book is very helpful.

Early Genesis records creation, the fall of man, God's judgment in the form of a global flood, and then the tower at Babel. After Babel, we see Abram, a descendant of Noah's son Shem. In 12:1-3 we see the first promises from God to Abram. These promises were somewhat vague at first but increase in clarity as the story progresses. Abram would father a great nation and all the peoples would be blessed thru him. In Chapter 15, we see God's covenant with Abram as well as the prophecy that his people would be sojourners in a foreign land and greatly afflicted for 400 years. It is this people and prophecy we see lived out in Exodus. God's people, the Israelites, suffer greatly as slaves to a powerful nation in a foreign land. Exodus is the account of how God delivers his people from this cruel servitude, brings them out of the land, and blesses them greatly in the process. However, the question remains: How is it that they found themselves in Egypt to begin with? To answer that requires the passage of several generations from God's covenant with Abram.

The very promise that Abram would father a great nation seemed unlikely from the start. His wife Sarai was barren, and into their old age nothing about that had changed. But God, able to do all things, opened her womb. This was despite Abram's sin of impatience when he fathered a child with his wife's servant. When his wife did conceive and had a son named Isaac, God made it clear that it was thru this younger son that he would pass his blessings.

Isaac fathered the twins Jacob and Esau, of which Esau was the oldest. Victim to some trickery by Jacob, Isaac inadvertently blessed the younger of his two. The deception was part of God's plan and had been predicted before the sons were even born.

Jacob experienced an encounter with God, at which time his name was changed to Israel. God told him that a nation and a company of nations would come from him, and that kings would come from his body. By his two wives and their two servants, he fathered twelve sons. From those twelve

sons came the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph, the firstborn of his beloved wife Rachel, was certainly his favorite. Joseph's older half-brothers were jealous of his position. In their hatred, they sold him into slavery where he eventually ended up in Egypt.

While in Egypt, Joseph gained a prominent position in the house of Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. After a time, he was framed by Potiphar's wife and sent to prison. However, even in prison he was put in a position of power. God's spirit rested on him in such a way that he was able to interpret dreams. That ability eventually freed him from prison and put him in the house of Pharaoh. In fact, he was over Pharaoh's house and second only to the throne in all the land of Egypt.

During great famine in their land, Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy food. Eventually, Joseph revealed himself to them and sent them home to get their father that they might bring him to Egypt. Per Pharaoh's command, Israel and all his descendants went to Egypt and were given the best of the land. It is from this group of 70 that a great nation was born.

Though Exodus opens with the death of Joseph and all his generation, the people of Israel were fruitful and multiplied greatly. Over time, they filled the land and were perceived as a threat to the Egyptians. When a new king who did not know of Joseph rose to power, he enslaved the Israelites and sought to suppress them with harsh treatment. Over many generations, the few who entered with a king's blessing became the many who were afflicted by a king's fear. It is in this oppressed state that we find God's people as Exodus opens and Moses first appears on the pages of scripture.

The overwhelming theme of Exodus is the fulfillment of the promises God made to the patriarchs that they would be a great nation. This is accomplished despite the great opposition of Egypt and the resistance of Israel. There is no doubt that the birth, growth, and deliverance of his chosen people was all by the LORD.

Moses is both the author and the central character of this account. He is a type of Christ who is both called and enabled by God to bring his people out of bondage and into victory.

For a more thorough explanation of the themes, date, and content of Exodus, see the ESV Study Bible's "Introduction to Exodus".

God's Plan and Purpose

Exodus 1:1-2:10

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Week 2 - Lesson 1

Summary

From the beginning, it has been God's plan that his people suffer. He prophesied of it and, in his sovereignty, saw it come to pass. His people, chosen by Him and promised to be blessed, endured great suffering quite early. This great affliction neither changed their identity nor negated the promises to them. What it did was demonstrate their faith and brought glory to God.

Observation

1. How many sons did Jacob have?
2. Why was Joseph already in Egypt?
3. What does it mean that the new king "did not know Joseph?"
4. Why did the Egyptians afflict the people of Israel? Was it effective?
5. Read Exodus 1:11-14. Is this treatment of the Israelites what we would expect God to plan for his people?
6. Read Genesis 15:13. Was the harsh treatment of God's people part of his plan?

Application

1. Read 1 Peter 4:12. Is suffering surprising?
2. Read Romans 8:17-18. Is it necessary?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:13-14. Is it beneficial?
4. What is the purpose of suffering in 1 Peter 1:6-7?
5. How has affliction benefited you?
6. Read Acts 5:41. Is suffering honorable?
7. Read Philippians 3:10-11. Is it desirable?
8. Does a desire to NOT suffer ever determine how you live?
9. How would you live differently if you were more willing to suffer?
10. Has God's grace made these temporary afflictions pale in comparison to what he has done for us?

Prayer

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God's Presence and Power

Exodus 1:1-2:10

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Week 2 - Lesson 2

Summary

While God allowed the Israelites to suffer, it was never because he was unaware of their plight or because he was unable to do anything about it. In the midst of their suffering, there remained a faithful few who trusted his unseen presence and infinite power. God both rewarded their faithfulness and thwarted the attacks of his adversaries.

Observation

1. Who were the midwives that Pharaoh commanded to kill the Hebrew sons?
2. Why did they not perform his command?
3. Did the midwives see God's presence in the midst of suffering?
4. How did God respond to their disobedience to the king?
5. Why did the king want to kill the boys?
6. In this passage, how many men caused the king trouble?
7. How many women caused the king trouble?
8. What does that say about the king's perception of strength?
9. What does it say about the women's perception of God?
10. What three things did Pharaoh do in attempting to limit the population and strength of the Israelites?
11. How was God's intervention seen despite all of Pharaoh's efforts?

Application

1. When God's children suffer, does that mean he is not present?
2. If he is present and suffering remains, does that mean he is unable to intervene?
3. Does it ever seem like God is not watching over his people today?
4. When was a time that you saw God's presence and power in the midst of a trial- especially persecution?
5. How do negative circumstances keep you from trusting and serving God as you should?
6. God is ever-present, all-powerful, and full of grace. Does that encourage you in the areas you fall short?

Prayer

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God's Provision and Preservation

Exodus 1:1-2:10

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Week 2 - Lesson 3

Summary

Some of God's people, in the midst of affliction, remained faithful to him. God, as promised, remained faithful to his people. His sovereignty and infinite power blessed their efforts and provided for them despite great human opposition. Moses, who would one day lead the people out of Egypt, was preserved in an amazing way- despite great odds against that notion.

Observation

1. Read Numbers 26:59. Who were Moses' parents? Who was his sister?
2. What three things did Moses' mother do in faith to try and preserve his life?
3. While her efforts demonstrated faith, were those steps that one would reasonably expect to be successful?
4. Who else was involved in the preservation of Moses' life?
5. While it was people who did the deeds, do we get the feeling that the preservation of Moses had anything at all to do with human effort?
6. In Hebrew, Moses' name means "to draw out". The same word may also be related to the Egyptian word for "son". It would be quite amazing if Pharaoh's daughter intended to refer to both words, since she did "draw out a son," and that action prefigured a great event. Read Hosea 11:1. What event did it prefigure? Did her action do more than just prefigure that event?

Application

1. Read Psalm 127:1. Does our best effort accomplish anything? What does?
2. If God is necessary to accomplish anything, does that mean we work less?
3. What is our relationship between effort and faith supposed to be?
4. What is something you have seen God do that was beyond human ability, yet he used people to accomplish it?
5. When was a time you trusted too much in your own efforts?
6. Have you ever not been faithful in an effort because you lacked faith that God would accomplish it?
7. How does an understanding of God's sovereignty encourage you in difficult circumstances?

God's Provision and Preservation

Exodus 1:1-2:10

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Week 3

Summary

Just as God called Moses to the specific task of leading the Israelites out of Egypt, He calls his servants today to perform tasks. Often, these tasks seem to be contrary to our environment and circumstances, as well as the approval of others. However, his accuracy is sure and He does not fail to consider variables or properly prepare his own.

Observation

1. Read Acts 7:23. How old was Moses when he was “grown up?”
2. Read 2:11-14. Was Moses aware that God was going to use him to help deliver the Hebrews? Read Acts 7:23-28 to check your answer.
3. What was the name of the priest in Chapter 2? What about Chapter 3? Was it the same person?
4. Moses was born a Hebrew, but raised as an Egyptian. Read 2:11-15. How does he become alienated from both peoples?
5. Who did Moses marry? What did he name his son?
6. Read Acts 7:30. How long was Moses a sojourner in a foreign land before God called him? So how old was he when he went back to Egypt?
7. Who was the “angel of the LORD?”
8. What made the ground holy?
9. Read 4:16. This is the first direct command to Moses to perform what function?
10. Read Exodus 7:1. What does it mean that Moses would be as God to Aaron?

Application

1. What has God called you to do?
2. Is that calling dependent on the approval of others?
3. How has God prepared you for your calling?
4. Who is our Mediator?
5. In what ways is that mediator active as you perform or don't perform what God has called you to do?

Prayer

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Summary

Moses raised several questions and concerns in trying to persuade God that the task of leading the people was too great. While at least some of those concerns were legitimate by human standards, God showed him that it was divine power that would prevail. The elements of human frailty and general lack of ability in his servant would not prevent God from accomplishing his purpose.

Observation

1. Read Exodus 3:11. What was Moses' first question?
2. Did God dispute Moses' notion that he was unworthy and incapable?
3. What was God's response to that first question?
4. In 3:12, what was Moses' second question? What was God's response?
5. What are some attributes of God that I AM THAT I AM suggests?
6. In 4:1, what was Moses' third question?
7. What were the three signs that God gave Moses?
8. Were the signs just for Israel, or were they for Moses too? How do you know?
9. In 4:10, what was Moses' concern? What was God's response?
10. In 4:13, what was Moses' request? What was God's response?

Application

1. In whose power do we perform our work for God?
2. Does God need us to perform His work?
3. Can God make us effective despite our weaknesses?
4. When we are effective in God's work, how much credit is due to us?
5. When have you experienced misplaced pride in accomplishing something?
6. When have you allowed a weakness to prevent you from serving God?
7. What conquers misplaced pride and undue shame?

Prayer

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Summary

While God's people suffered great affliction for a lengthy period of time, that is not evidence that God was either absent or disengaged. The suffering of his own has been part of his plan, and ultimately his presence and power were seen. When the people cried to him, God heard their cry, remembered his covenant, looked on their affliction, and acknowledged their plight. He never viewed them as less than his, and he preserved both them and the leader that would one day take them out.

Observation

1. What four things did God do when the people cried out?
2. What is God saying about Moses' ancestors in 3:6? Jesus said the same thing in Matthew 22:32.
3. Despite their afflictions, how does God refer to the Israelites?
4. How did God want Himself labeled to the king of Egypt? Why would that seem ridiculous to the king?
5. What was the purpose of the people going into the wilderness? Was that purpose for man's comfort or God's glory?
6. How did God say that the king would respond to their request?
7. In their release, what did God say his people would do to the Egyptians?
8. What is the difference between being freed and being victorious?
9. Does the fact that God hardened Pharaoh's heart relieve the king of the responsibility for his sin?
10. Why did God seek to kill Moses?
11. Why did Zipporah call Moses a "bridegroom of blood?"
12. What prompted Aaron to go into the wilderness to meet Moses?
13. What was the people's reaction to God's intervention in their afflictions?

Application

1. Is our identity as children of God dependent on the world's affirmation?
2. For what purpose did God save us?
3. What is our relationship to sin since God freed us from it?
4. Does God know our sin beforehand? Could he stop it? Are we still responsible?

Application Continued

5. To what degree are our footsteps ordered? How does that give you confidence in your circumstances?
6. What is the proper reaction to the grace of God?
7. Are there sins over which you have not claimed the victory that God has given?
8. What motivates you to overcome those failures?

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Week 4

Representatives From God

Exodus 5:1-7:13

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Week 4 - Lesson 1

Summary

God chose Moses and Aaron from an unlikely tribe to represent his children to his adversaries. This choosing was not based on anything they brought to the table, but rather on their lack that made his power both necessary and visible.

Observation

1. The genealogy in 6:14-16 lists three of Israel's (Jacob) sons. Who are they?
2. Were the predictions concerning those three in Genesis 49:3-7 mostly positive or mostly negative? What might God be intending to demonstrate about his choice of Moses and Aaron?
3. How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh?
4. In 7:4, what are the two things the Israelites are called?
5. How was it that Moses was like a God and Aaron was like a prophet?
6. What was the sign that Moses and Aaron took to Pharaoh?
7. Were the magicians of Egypt able to do the same thing?
8. In 7:12, how is the difference between utilizing power and having authority over power seen?

Application

1. How is our being called out of the sinful human race similar to Moses and Aaron being called out of the tribe of Levi?
2. How is our purpose as children of God similar to how God describes his people in 7:4?
3. If Moses is a type of Christ, who might Aaron represent?
4. What is the greatest sign that God has given us?
5. How is our way of accomplishing things different from how the world accomplishes things?
6. What role did we play in our choosing?

Prayer

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Redemption by God

Exodus 5:1-7:13

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Week 4 - Lesson 2

Summary

God's people experienced harsh, impossible circumstances in order that they would recognize their deliverance was of him, and not themselves. God reminded them that his covenant promises were as sure as if they had already occurred. Their circumstances and helplessness did nothing to change that.

Observation

1. In Chapter 2, Moses was rejected by his own people after he killed the Egyptian. When was the next time he was rejected by his own people?
2. When the foremen came out from Pharaoh, who was waiting on them?
3. Read 5:22-23. Why does Moses' appeal to God seem a little surprising? You may need to review 3:19-20 and 4:21.
4. In 6:2-8, what are the four things God reminded Moses of?
5. In 6:2-8, what are the seven things God told Moses he would do?
6. In 6:9, why did the people not respond?
7. In 6:12 and 6:30, Moses says he is of "uncircumcised lips". What do you think he is referring to?
8. Did Moses' inability to speak well hinder or help God's plan to prove that it is he who accomplishes things?

Application

1. As God's messengers, how are generally received by those we try to help?
2. What are some things God has already done that encourage you?
3. What are some things God has promised that encourage you?
4. How does our weakness glorify God?
5. What would our view of God be if it was our own strengths and abilities that accomplished things?
6. What role did we play in our deliverance?

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Rejection of God

Exodus 5:1-7:13

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Week 4 - Lesson 3

Summary

God's plan was not to merely deliver his people. He desired to do so in a way that demonstrated his power and grace. In his sovereignty, he hardened Pharaoh's heart in order that his power might be demonstrated. Delivering people who at times had no desire to be delivered demonstrated his grace. Delivering hopeless people from cruel circumstances against impossible opposition made him look glorious and left no room for man to take credit.

Observation

1. Do you think that when Pharaoh said "I do not know the LORD" he was admitting ignorance or demonstrating defiance?
2. What were the "lying words" or "vain words" that Pharaoh referred to in 5:9?
3. Of what nation were the taskmasters and the foremen?
4. Who was punished when the quota wasn't met?
5. In 5:15-16, how did the Hebrew foremen refer to themselves?
6. Whose is the "strong hand" in 6:1?
7. Was God sovereign over the hardening of Pharaoh's heart? Was Pharaoh still responsible?
8. Why did God desire to bring out his people by great acts of judgment?
9. What was Pharaoh's reaction after Aaron's rod consumed the rods of the magicians?

Application

1. Is our disobedience generally from ignorance or defiance?
2. How do our view of God and his commands determine our behavior?
3. Did God the Father view us as his own before we were converted?
4. Who suffered the great acts of judgment in our deliverance?
5. Has God given ample evidence to condemn the lost for their unbelief?
6. If you have been saved, how is it that you believed and others who have been given the same signs do not?

Rejection of God

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Family Study

Family Study Week 1

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Read Hebrews 11:24-27

Sunday

Word of the Day: Moses

Moses was a man God choose to use in many ways; the key is that he was just a normal guy who God placed in extraordinary circumstances. What allowed him to live and even lead in his trying life was his seemingly constant willingness to follow God.

Questions:

1. Who was Moses?

- The son of a Hebrew woman
- Adopted by the pharaohs daughter
- A murderer
- An outcast
- A husband
- A dad
- A follower of God (chosen by God)

2. What are some ways Moses followed God?

- He went back to Egypt
- He went to pharaoh and told him about God and to set the Hebrews free
- He followed Gods path out of Egypt....

3. Who was Moses' God?

Monday

Word of the Day: Christ

We often say the name Jesus Christ, but do we realize that Christ is not just His last name, rather a given one. Christ literally means anointed, so in other words Jesus was God's Chosen (anointed) One on which all of His promises were placed on, and fulfilled through.

Questions:

1. Who was Jesus?

- God's only son
- Mary and Joseph's first son
- Born free from sin and lived a boy and man that never sinned
- A teacher
- A sacrifice
- Victor over death
- The only savior

2. What is Jesus doing right now?

3. What did Jesus do before creation?

4. What was Jesus' role in creation?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Faith

Faith is not some unsure hope that things are as you suspect. Faith is however a complete belief that all things even the stuff you can't see are real and working just as you have been taught they are.

Questions:

1. What is your faith? (parents teach your kids what you believe)

2. What are some things other than God people put their faith in?

3. What did Jesus put His faith in?

4. What did Jesus teach you to put your faith in?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: God

God in most instances is referring to more than one person; but all part of the God-head. We believe the scriptures teach God is three persons, we know them by the names Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Questions:

1. Who is God the Father?
2. Who is God the Son?
3. Who is the Holy Spirit?
4. How do you see each working in your life.

Thursday

Word of the Day: Sin

Sin is all things that oppose God and His nature. Sin is traced all the way back to Satan and his fallen angels. Satan planted the idea of sin in the minds of our first ancestors Adam and Eve. Created in the image of God they were free of sin, but free to choose. Choosing to live outside of the will of God they were judged for their sin and cursed, and so we are today.

Questions:

1. Do you sin?
2. Do you think you are fallen and judged for your sin?
3. What sins so you often find yourself doing?
4. Are you able to be forgiven for your sin?
5. Did Jesus ever sin?

Friday

Word of the Day: Endured

Endured= Suffering something painful or difficult patiently. Simply put as Moses chose to follow God suffering came he stuck with it.

Questions:

1. How will you endure suffering?
2. Do you know anyone who has endured hard times?

3. Does Gods word teach you how to endure when suffering for Jesus?
4. Did Jesus ever have to endure suffering?
5. How did Jesus find the peace to endure?

Saturday

Word of the Day: Invisible

Inside of creation there are many things we can't see but we experience. God has been invisible outside of a couple events throughout history, but God is just as real as gravity.

Questions:

1. What are some things that are invisible that we experience every day?
2. Because you can't see God does that mean he is not real?
3. What are some ways you experience God?
4. Just because you have not experienced God does that mean He is not real?

Family Study Week 2

LHBC Community Groups

Read Exodus 1:1-2:10

Sunday

Word of the Day: Joseph

Joseph son of Jacob (Israel), sold by his brother into slavery, Bought by Poti-phar, sent to jail, set free by Pharaoh, second in command over Egypt; but most important chosen by God. Joseph did great thing for God and by God but we must remember he was just a man, born lived, got married, had kids and died. His life how ever has great meaning because it point to one far greater. It points to the God he served and the saved His live both physically and spiritually. It points to the need for one that desires forgiveness, with a nature of compassion. It points to a God that is desires to save lives with the power and resources He is able to do it with. In short it point to Jesus, He is the hero of Joseph's life and the only hero, God specks of in the scriptures.

Questions:

1. Who was Joseph?

- He was the son of Jacob
- He was a brother
- He was sold into slavery by his brothers
- He was put into prison
- He was second in power under pharaoh in Egypt

2. How did Joseph view God?

3. Why did Joseph never stop trusting God?

4. Did God ever leave Joseph?

5. Who was Joseph's God?

Monday

Word of the Day: Egypt

Egypt was at one time the worlds premiere powers, filled with great thinkers, and king. But the bible paints a far more valuable picture of Egypt

full of sin, and vain worship. In many ways as we look at the world we currently are living in and may have even grown comfortable with we will see many consistencies.

Questions:

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Tuesday

Word of the Day: Pharaoh

The pharaoh was the most powerful respected man in Egypt. The Egyptians viewed him as the god's representation in human form. He was both the religious and political leader as well as believed to be the one that was able to control the bounty of the harvest, control of the Nile and establish peace.

Questions:

1. Who was the Pharaoh?

- King
- Believed and thought by the people to be God on earth
- Born a baby with a earthly father and mother
- Got married and had kids
- Died (and is still dead)

2. Did pharaoh believe in the true God (Father, Son, and Spirit)

3. Was the pharaoh able to provide for, protect, and save his kingdom?

4. Who is the one true King and God?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Oppress

Oppression can come from our minds, as we live in sin or from the world as it seeks to harm us from no direct fault of our own. Jesus experienced a life of oppression from a king seeking to kill Him from birth to His chosen people plotting to and killing Him throws no guilt of His own.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be oppressed or to oppress?
2. Do we need to stop believing or doing something just because we are being oppressed?
3. Was Jesus oppressed?
4. How did Jesus respond to oppression?

Thursday

Word of the Day: Slave

Slaves in the scriptures and from our common day understanding vastly differ one main idea has carried over however, that is a slave serves under a master. God created man free, able to choose for himself what is pleasing to him. Unfortunately we chose sin, falling from that life of freedom into a life of slavery. Always the dead soul must follow its new masters Satan and sin, just like the taskmasters in Egypt ruled over the Hebrews as slaves so Satan and sin rule over those souls that remain dead. But just as God delivered the Hebrews so he does those dead souls of His children through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Questions:

1. What is a slave?
2. Are we slaves today?
3. What rights do slaves have?

4. Was Jesus a slave?

5. How do we receive our freedom?

Friday

Word of the Day: Hebrew

The Hebrews were and are God's chosen nation. We also know by the name the Israelites a name taken from the name God gave Jacob.

They were and are to this day the nation God has chosen to be ministers of His gospel. However they have greatly erred as a nation and fallen into grave sins making way for God to choose those of His children outside of the Hebrews to make His gospel known.

Questions:

1. Who were/are the Hebrews?

2. Why are the Hebrews important?

3. Who was the God of the Hebrews?

4. Was Jesus a Hebrew?

5. Do you have to be a Hebrew to receive God's blessing of the Gospel?

Saturday

Word of the Day: Feared God

The fear of the Lord or feared God is all over the bible, sometimes referring to a fear paralyzes, but mostly a fear that produces reverence. God in His love holds all things together, gives light, rest, and all other resources and has the power to withhold whatever He sees fit. The proper response to that view of God is reverence or fear.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to Fear God?

2. Did Jesus Fear God?

3. How did that cause Him to live?

4. Do you fear God?

Family Study Week 3

LHBC Community Groups

Read Exodus 2:11-4:31

Sunday

Word of the Day: Levite

Levites were just one of the twelve tribes, but in Exodus 32 God consecrated the tribe to be His priesthood. They were God's chosen tribe within the people of God to serve both God and the people by the high office to which He consecrated them.

Questions:

1. What was a Levite?
2. Why did God choose to set that tribe apart?
3. Was the tribe of Levi a full of perfect people?
4. What was the purpose for the Levites?
5. Was Jesus part of the tribe of Levi?

Monday

Word of the Day: Sojourner

As God began to work in history His words were clear, "You will be strangers in the land...sojourners". God wants His chosen people to see they are here and part of this creation, but ultimately their home is not here on earth, but with Him. So He gives us a title that implies one that is active and on the move always looking forward toward home yet constantly tending to the path as he walks it. He has given us this life to live not for ourselves and not to hide, but to live for Him engaging the parts of this world He has sovereignly placed before us.

Questions:

1. What is a sojourner?
2. Are you a sojourner or are you at home here?

3. How does it change the way you live if you view yourself as a sojourner here?
4. What are some ways you see Jesus living as a sojourner?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Rescue

We from the moment of sin in Gen. 2 were spiritually dead and without hope of saving ourselves. But God interceded on our behalf, instituting a Law that demanded perfection then sending His son Jesus to fulfill it perfectly. So that God by His grace and for His glory He could rescue His children from Satan, sin, and death.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be rescued?
2. Why would you need rescuing?
3. Do we have someone to rescue us?
4. What makes Jesus able to rescue us?
5. Did Jesus need someone to rescue Him?
6. Why did Jesus not need someone to rescue Him?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Covenant

Covenant: A formal; binding; solemn agreement/promise. God made ONE over arching covenant, with a simple promise. He will stop that which we deserve (death and separation from Himself) and give that which we don't (life and fellowship with Himself). He spoke this in the garden at the fall of man, prophets, and through Jesus as he walked this earth, even through His beloved friend John in Revelation. This promise was made valid through the sacrifice of His son Jesus to live and die in our place, then raising Him from death giving victory to those who the Father gave Him.

Questions:

1. What is a covenant?
2. What is God's covenant with us?
3. Do we need this covenant?
4. How was Jesus part of this covenant?
5. Is Jesus necessary for God's covenant to work?

Thursday

Word of the Day: The Lord

God throughout the Bible is referred to as The Lord. It is a name that refers to His role as our master. With a proper view of God as Creator, Savior, and Redeemer the proper response would be to place Him as Lord/Master over our lives. Allowing Him to lead and humbly following as a loving servant.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be the Lord?
2. Who is The Lord?
3. How is He the Lord of your life?
4. Did Jesus follow The Lord?
5. Who was The Lord for Jesus?

Friday

Word of the Day: Anger of the Lord

Anger in itself is not sinful, but often times it is the actions anger produces in our fallen hearts and minds that lead to sin. God on the other hand is Holy and without sin, His anger only proves His resolve. He has a holy hatred for sin; God within that hatred has set in motion the final judgment in which he abolishes sin for all eternity.

Questions:

1. What is the anger of the Lord?
2. Is anger sinful?
3. What makes God angry?
4. What are some things you have done that made God angry?
5. How are you forgiven for the wrongs you have done to God?

Saturday

Word of the Day: Worship

Worship: A live lived in full acknowledgment of and communion with God. Simply all that you think, say, and do you do because of and for God. With a mind that is always looking to God with a thankful heart; finding your joy, peace, and reason for existing in Him.

Questions:

1. What is Worship?
2. Do you ever feel like you are worshipping as you were created to?
3. What is it you were created to worship?
4. Why would it be important for you to worship God alone?
5. Who was it Jesus worshiped?

Family Study Week 4

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Read Exodus 5:1-7:13

Sunday

Word of the Day: Feast

The Feast was a time set-aside for God in which the people of Israel would joyfully reflect on God's provision for them. There were many different times God commanded Feasts but all for essentially the same reason, a time to simply focus on His goodness.

Questions:

1. What is a feast?
2. What did the feast symbolize in the Old Testament?
3. Was it important that God's people take this time to worship God in this way?

Monday

Word of the Day: God Almighty

This is an incredibly joyful name God gives Himself, Almighty. The name simply points to God's constant control and active hand on all things. Clearly nothing is able to resist or overtake His will; He alone is the Almighty.

Questions:

1. Who is God Almighty?
2. Is this an important name for God?
3. How does it make you feel that God is an almighty God?
4. How does having an almighty God affect your life when it is hard?
5. What are some ways Jesus showed us He is an almighty God?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Deliver

Satan and sin are the powers which are in control within the heart of spiritually dead they are lords over them as slave masters. The dead soul can do nothing within its self to set it free, there is a desperate need for a deliver. Someone able to snatch that lost/dead soul out of darkness and bring them to life, so God sent Jesus. As our Justifier dying in our place He now stands before the Father holding those the Father gave Him in His hand setting us free from death, sin, and Satan and giving us life.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be delivered?
2. What are something's you need to be delivered from?
3. Who is our deliverer?
4. What did he deliver us from?
5. How is it we personally get delivered from our sin?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Redeem

After the fall in Gen. 2 there has been a great need for man to be put back into the role God created him for. We were made to be worshipers of God finding all things in Him joy, peace, comfort, contentment.... living within Gods plans and nature as His image barer. But as fallen people we search in all the wrong places finding only temporary fulfillment for our souls which long for that witch they were created for.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to redeem or to be redeemed?
2. Why is it we need to be redeemed?
3. What do we need to be redeemed to?
4. Who is our Redeemer?

Thursday

Word of the Day: Judgement

God created all things perfect, but though His sovereign design sin broke a creation of complete worship of Him. God, being a holy set apart God unable to overlook the contrary nature of sin, became Judge. Now as Satan and sin rule this world as our slave masters judgment has fallen on us His creation. But God made a way for His children by substituting His perfect Son Jesus. Sending Jesus to die in our place receiving our judgment, in doing so allowing those God gave him to stand perfect in God the Fathers sight. Gen. 1 & 2, John 1-3.

Questions:

1. What is Judgment?
2. Do you ever judge?
3. Who is the judge of everyone?
4. Are we all guilty?
5. Are we able to be seen as not guilty by God?
6. Is Jesus guilty as he stands before God?

Friday

Word of the Day: Possession

God gave Canaan to the Hebrews, a land that was promised to Abraham and his descendants as God's people. God was clear, "I will give you a land that is not your own", pointing to a far off promise of another undeserved inheritance that through the gospel He would by His grace supply to His people.

Questions:

1. What is a possession?
2. Do you have a possession?
3. Does that possession cause you the think about anything?

4. Did you deserve that possession?
5. Is there a possession God have placed in your life that causes you to think about Him?
6. What did possession did God send to Jesus to keep His mind and life constantly in worship of God?

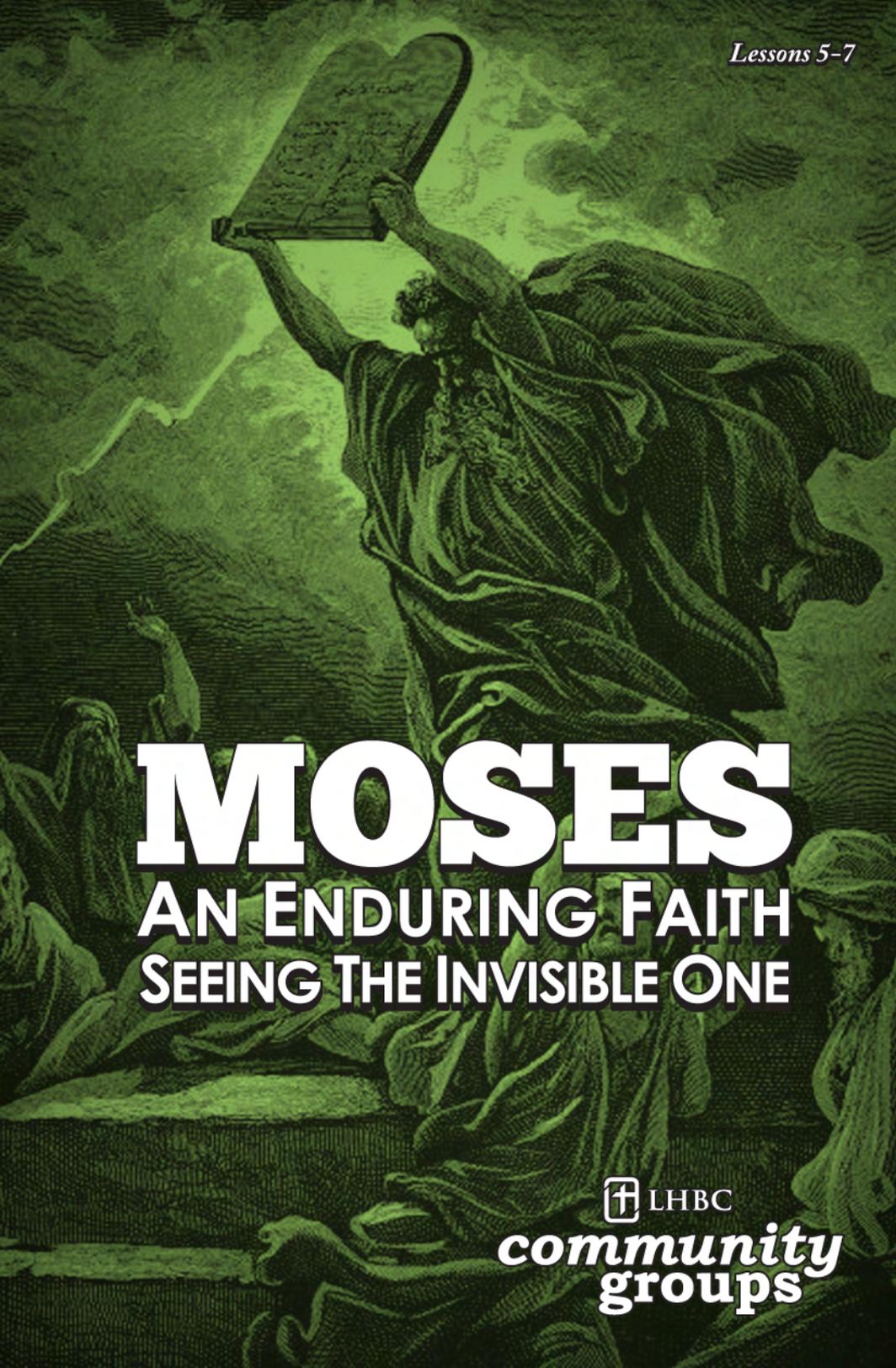
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Word of the Day: Uncircumcised

God first instituted circumcision with Abraham, after his planned adultery with Hagar. God motive was an out ward sign of an inner heart that was set apart from this world and given to God and His promises. Gen. 17.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be uncircumcised?
2. What is circumcision a symbol for?
3. Why does God wants a clean people?
4. How is it we make our selves clean before God?



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*Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to
His abundant mercy
has begotten us again to a
Living Hope
through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

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Moses: An Enduring Faith - Seeing the Invisible One

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What is a Community Group?

Community groups are small gatherings of people that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears. Community groups are an essential expression of the mission of Living Hope Baptist Church. They're a place where we learn more about Jesus and life together. They're the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us.

Each community group is unique, shaped by its neighborhood and the people who attend. However, you can expect a weekly gathering in a residence that involves food, conversation, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and service in the neighborhood. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see an authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the neighborhood.

Why Should I Join a Community Group?

The God of the Bible is a Trinitarian God who is one and three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. God has made us in his image, which means we are made for community and friendship. And when we are not living in community we suffer because life in a sinful world is too complex and tempting to journey alone. Therefore, community groups are a place where we can live in relationship with one another through the ups and downs of life.

Community Group Study Guide

- S – SUMMARY:*** A summary of the lesson's passage.
- O – OBSERVATION:*** A list of questions related to the biblical context of that lesson's passage.
- A – APPLICATION:*** A list of questions for applying that lesson's passage to one's personal life and experiences.
- P – PRAYER:*** A time to spend in communication with God in response to His word and it's application to your life.

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Week 5

Summary

God's power was evident in every phase of the plagues. He warned of the plagues, often offering specific details concerning them. He manipulated natural resources, controlled the weather, created life, took life, and even caused and sustained darkness. His judgments were intense enough to prove their supernatural nature, superior enough to discredit the Egyptian magicians, and discriminating enough to demonstrate a purpose. Even the thoroughness and rapid nature of the plagues removal demanded the presence of a sovereign hand. However, God was not sovereign over just the demonstration of that power; he was sovereign over the necessity of that power. Against all reasonable logic, Pharaoh refused to submit to God's authority. That stubbornness helped achieve God's ultimate purpose: to be known by the world and glorified by his own.

Observation

1. In 7:16, how did God refer to himself and his people?
2. Why did that identification seem ridiculous to Pharaoh?
3. In giving Pharaoh a command, what was God claiming over Pharaoh?
4. For what purpose did God want his people released?
5. Why did Moses let Pharaoh choose when the frog infestation would be relieved?
6. Why do you think Pharaoh chose the next day instead of the current day?
7. What was wrong with Pharaoh's admissions of guilt in 9:27 and 10:17?
8. Three times Pharaoh made concessions in trying to negotiate with Moses, instead of repenting and heeding God's command. What were the concessions he made? Read 8:25, 10:8-11, and 10:24.
9. What would Pharaoh do each time Moses pled to have the plagues removed?
10. As the plagues progress, who is said to be hardening Pharaoh's heart?
11. What continued purpose did God have throughout the ten plagues?

Application

1. For what purpose did God save us?
2. Is our sin problem simply a matter of doing wrong deeds?

Application Continued

3. What is the danger in viewing our sin as simply a collection of wrong deeds?
4. Have you ever tried to negotiate or compromise God's commands?
5. When was a time you obeyed only because you thought it would bring you gain or relieve a burden?
6. Does the example in the previous question show a love of God or a love of self? Did your obedience continue once the burden was lifted?
3. How can you expect to be "mistreated?"
4. What are some worldly pleasures or comforts that you have a hard time refusing?
5. What mistreatment by the world do you have a hard time enduring?
6. If you have been identified with God through faith in Christ, it is because God chose, paid for, and regenerated you- all by grace. How does this grace that saves also enable and encourage you to endure?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

In order to demonstrate both his authority over the world and the identity of his Hebrew children, God poured severe judgment on the Egyptians. That judgment showed his sovereignty over natural resources, animals, insects, disease, weather, sun, the life and death of both man and beast, and even man's sin. There wasn't a magician in Egypt powerful enough to relieve or even copy the plagues. Even the false Egyptian gods were proven to be absent or ineffective. God's judgment, while severe, was both purposed and effective.

Observation

1. Read 7:14-25. What was the first plague?
2. In 7:22, what did the Egyptian magicians do? Did they relieve or intensify the situation?
3. Read 8:1-15. What was the second plague?
4. In 8:7, what did the Egyptian magicians do? Did they relieve or intensify the situation?
5. Read 8:16-19. What was the third plague? What was the response of the magicians?
6. Read 8:20-24. What was the fourth plague?
7. Read 9:1-7. What was the fifth plague? How was it discriminatory?
8. Read 9:8-12. What was the sixth plague? What was the response of the magicians?
9. The kiln in 9:10 was probably for making bricks. What is the irony of that? You may need to review 5:1-9.
10. Read 9:22-26. What was the seventh plague?
11. Read 10:1-19. What was the eighth plague?
12. How did the locust plague compare to natural phenomena?
13. How extensive was the damage? How complete was the removal of them?
14. Read 10:21-27. What was the ninth plague?
15. Chapter 11 is probably not in chronological order. After reading it, when do you think God's instructions to Moses took place? What about Moses' declaration to Pharaoh concerning the final plague?
16. What was the final plague? What does 11:6 say about the severity of it?

God's Severity

Exodus 7:14-12:30

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Week 5 - Lesson 2

Application

1. Who sets up leaders? Is it always for blessing?
2. How does the world react to acts of God's judgment? How do his children react?
3. Is there anything over which God is not sovereign?
4. Why do you think that so many will not admit God's power over nature?
5. Why do you think that so many will not admit God's power over man?
6. Have the actions of our world leaders ever made you question God's purposes?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

The tenth and final plague on Egypt was the deadliest and most convincing. Yet, for the Israelites, it was a beautiful demonstration of God's love and care for them. Once again, God discriminated in the delivering of his mighty judgment. The Israelites escaped that wrath by sacrificing a perfect lamb and applying the blood to their home. That blood was both a sign that they were God's own and a guard to protect them from God's judgment. Those that were God's children applied the blood, and those that were not his children did not. The lamb and blood are clear symbols of our means of salvation. God will punish sin. That wrath was either poured on the perfect lamb Jesus, or it will be poured on the guilty. Those that are his will have the blood applied thru faith. They will be set apart for all to see, and they will be free from all condemnation.

Observation

1. In 12:2, how significant did God consider the exodus event?
2. In 12:3, who was to set aside a lamb?
3. What were the qualifications for the lamb?
4. What were the people to do with the blood?
5. What were they to do with the flesh?
6. What were they to do with the leftovers?
7. How were they to dress?
8. In 12:12, how did God execute judgment on the Egyptian gods?
9. In 12:13, what two purposes did the blood on the door serve?
10. How long did the Feast of Unleavened Bread last?
11. In scripture, leaven usually symbolizes evil. What is the connection between that symbolism and their deliverance?
12. Was the feast just for the Israelites?
13. How many Israelite homes had blood applied? How many suffered death?
14. How many Egyptian homes had blood applied? How many suffered death?
15. In 12:27, what was God's command concerning the children?
16. What was the people's response to being spared and delivered?

Application

1. Who is it that God forgives? Delivers? Protects?
2. Who is our perfect lamb?

Application Continued

3. How is his blood applied to us?
4. Can we be the recipients of God's forgiveness without bearing "the sign?"
5. If we have been delivered, what will our relationship to evil be?
6. Who is offered salvation?
7. Will Jesus receive what he paid for?
8. What is the proper and sure response to deliverance?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

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Week 6

Summary

God delivered the Israelites from cruel bondage in Egypt. In doing so, he did not merely formulate an escape. The defeat of the Egyptians by the plagues was so complete that they urged God's people to leave. With their country in ruins and all their people grieving, the Egyptians willingly gave the Israelites a great wealth of gold, silver, and clothing. In that way, the people of God "plundered" what was perhaps the most powerful nation on earth. Much like that, God has completely defeated the sin that held us in bonds. In Christ, we have complete victory over sin. It cannot hold us "in Egypt," neither will we choose to stay there.

Observation

1. What was Pharaoh's attitude toward letting the people go?
2. For what purpose did Pharaoh say they should go?
3. What is the significance of Pharaoh saying "bless me also?"
4. Why were the Egyptians urgent to send the people out?
5. How were the promises found in Genesis 15:14 and Exodus 3:22 fulfilled?
6. Does the word "plunder" give the sense of escape or victory?
7. In 1:5, how many descendants of Israel came to Egypt? In 12:37, how many departed?
8. It's estimated that since the number of men departing was 600,000 then the total company departing was at least 2,000,000. How long did it take to grow from 70 2,000,000? Read 12:40.
9. What is meant by the term "mixed multitude?"

Application

1. For what purpose did God save us?
2. How does remaining "in Egypt" influence our ability to bring him glory?
3. Does the world recognize the necessity of our "leaving Egypt?"
4. How have we been delivered from the afflictions of the world?
5. How have we been given victory over the attractions of the world?
6. Are there attractions over which you have not claimed victory?
7. Who can be delivered? How can they be delivered?

Redemption

Exodus 12:31-13:16

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Week 6 - Lesson 1

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

Immediately upon delivering his people from affliction, God instituted the Passover. It remembered their bondage as well as their quick exit. In addition, it pictured the coming of our perfect Passover lamb, Jesus Christ. His sacrifice for our benefit should always be remembered. True remembrance is constant meditation and continual teaching of it to our children.

Observation

1. Why did the Israelites eat unleavened cakes in 12:39?
2. What did the Passover remember?
3. In 12:43-45, what was the requirement to eat of the Passover?
4. What was the significance of not breaking any bones? Read John 19:36.
5. Who was instructed to keep the Passover in 12:47?
6. In 12:48, what were the qualifications for a stranger to partake?
7. What was the difference between the laws for a native and the laws for a stranger?
8. How compliant were the people in 12:28 and 12:50?
9. In 13:3, what were the people delivered from and how were they delivered?
10. What was the purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
11. In 13:3-5, the list of all the peoples inhabiting the land of Canaan may have seemed intimidating. What three things in this passage should have encouraged and motivated the people?
12. How long was the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
13. In 13:8, what were the people instructed to tell their children?

Application

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:7-8. How do we celebrate the festival today?
2. Who is our Passover lamb?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. What do we partake of to remember the sacrifice of that lamb?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What sign do we use to declare our membership in God's people?
5. What are we to remember?
6. What are we to tell our children?
7. Are there areas of your life that don't demonstrate your deliverance?

Remembrance

Exodus 12:31-13:16

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Week 6 - Lesson 2

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Reverence

Exodus 12:31-13:16

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Week 6 - Lesson 3

Summary

The Israelites were to consecrate their firstborn to God. In doing so, they recalled how their firstborn had been spared and those of the Egyptians had been killed. The strong hand of God that delivered them would always be remembered and honored with their deeds and speech. Much like that, the act of God that saved us will be constantly recalled by our deeds and speech. We will not cease to instruct our children in the way of the LORD.

Observation

1. In 13:2, who or what was to be consecrated to God?
2. What do you think is a good definition for “consecrate?”
3. Was 13:9 a command to actually write the law on their hands and forehead?
4. What do you think it meant?
5. In 13:9, what is the result of being constantly aware of and governed by the Lord’s statutes?
6. What promise were the people reminded of in 13:11?
7. What animals were to be sacrificed?
8. Since a donkey was unclean, what were the options for them?
9. What were the instructions for the firstborn of man?
10. In 13:14-15, what were the people to teach their children?

Application

1. Is there anything of ours that isn’t God’s?
2. How do we “write the law on our hands and foreheads?”
3. What will be the result of meditating on God’s word constantly?
4. What should prompt our children’s questions?
5. What should we teach them?
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:7. When should we teach our children?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

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Week 7

Summary

After leading his people out of Egypt, God directed them to a place that appeared to have them “hemmed in”. They found themselves in the wilderness, trapped between the Red Sea and the approaching army of Pharaoh. The people quickly forgot that it was God who had delivered them from affliction. The fact that God had personally led them to their location seemed insignificant as the army grew closer. The only scenarios they could envision were slavery in Egypt or death in the wilderness. However, God proved that even negative circumstances are part of his plan. The more unlikely their deliverance seemed, the more glory it brought to him. His unfailing guidance proved to be both planned and perfect.

Observation

1. Why did God not lead the people by way of the Philistines?
2. What did Moses take with him in 13:19?
3. What led the people by day?
4. What led the people by night?
5. Did the LORD'S guidance ever leave them?
6. Why did God have his people camp in a spot where they were “hemmed in?”
7. Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? Why?
8. What caused Pharaoh to pursue the Israelites in 14:5?
9. How many chariots did Pharaoh send after the Israelites?
10. Where did the Egyptians catch up to the Israelites?
11. Who did the Israelites fear in 14:10? Who should they have feared?
12. Read Psalm 106:7-8. What caused the people to fear the Egyptians? What was God's response?
13. In 14:12, what did the people see as the only two possibilities?
14. What was the possibility that Moses brought up?
15. In 14:14, what did Moses say the people needed to do?
16. What kind of ground would the people encounter while crossing the Red Sea?
17. Who was going before the Israelites?
18. Where did the pillar of cloud go in 14:19-20?
19. Once it was in place between the Egyptians and the Israelites, what did the cloud do for God's people?

Directed by God

Exodus 13:17-15:21

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Week 7 - Lesson 1

Application

1. Does God always have our best interests in mind?
2. Does he ever cease to lead us?
3. When we face negative circumstances, is that because God made a mistake?
4. Do you ever forget what God has already done for you?
5. How does forgetfulness affect your view of upcoming challenges?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

The very things that are glorious and wonderful to those that are God's people are dreadful and terrifying to those that aren't. This is apparent in the account of the Red Sea crossing. The Egyptians had pursued the Israelites into the wilderness. God's people were apparently trapped- water in front of them and a fierce army behind them. But God, willing to demonstrate mercy to his own and judgment to their adversaries, intervened. The cloud that guided the Israelites settled between the two masses of people. What was a guiding light to God's own was an impeding blockade to his enemies. As God's people crossed on dry ground, the Egyptians suffered setbacks. Their chariots became immobile, and the soldiers feared greatly. The Egyptians who would not release God's people found that they could not escape. Their death brought great fear to the surrounding nations. God was glorified: his people were grateful, his enemies were defeated, and the world knew that he was LORD.

Observation

1. Who hardened the Egyptian's hearts?
2. What was God's goal in defeating the Egyptians?
3. What did the cloud do to the Egyptians?
4. What did God use to part the waters?
5. What two things did God do to the Egyptians in 14:24-25?
6. Before they were drowned, what did the Egyptians acknowledge about God?
7. What is the irony in God's drowning of the Egyptians? You may need to review 1:22.
8. Did the Egyptians have numerous opportunities to let the Israelites go?
9. What happened when they finally decided to let the people go?
10. How many of the Egyptians were killed?
11. How did the other nations respond to the conquering of the Egyptians?

Application

1. Does God always have our best interests in mind?
2. Does he ever cease to lead us?
3. When we face negative circumstances, is that because God made a mistake?

Dread of God

Exodus 13:17-15:21

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Week 7 - Lesson 2

Application Continued

4. Do you ever forget what God has already done for you?
5. How does forgetfulness affect your view of upcoming challenges?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

God defeated the Egyptians at the Red Sea. He caused them to dread him before their death, and he caused the world to dread him because of their death. However, that same judgment brought joy and faith to God's people. They celebrated their deliverance with song and dance. They praised the God of their fathers who keeps his covenant. At least seven times, their song remembered the drowning of the Egyptians. Today, we celebrate God's judgment as well. While we get no joy from the suffering of others, we do get joy from knowing that our sins have been punished. If we believe that God is just and that our sins were punished on the cross, we delight in him.

Observation

1. What did the Israelites see in 14:30?
2. What caused the Israelites to fear God?
3. What was the result of the people fearing God?
4. What are some things God is called in 15:1-18?
5. How many references are there for the drowning of the soldiers in 15:1-18?
6. What did the writer mean by "my father's god" in 15:2?
7. Who does God lead in 15:13?
8. Where does God lead the redeemed?
9. Who has God purchased?
10. What are some things the people's worship included?

Application

1. What is the relationship between deliverance and worship?
2. How can we celebrate that God punishes sin?
3. How does our worship differ from the Israelites?
4. What are some things that keep you from worship?

Prayer

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Family Study

Pastoral Parenting: Family Resources

Deut. 4:9, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 6:1-4

God is very clear from His word. God's heart desires children that love His teaching and follow it. In all of God's words for our children, he tells us as the fathers and mothers to be pastoral in how we parent our kids.

As parents we know what our kids like and dislike, we know their fears and what comforts them, and we know their strengths and insecurities. In other words, we know our kids better than anyone else thus making us most fit to teach them and lead them toward God. We do this daily in our "teaching moments". These lessons are not meant to be burdens on you and your family, but rather sources of joy. The following are some ideas that you may find helpful in guiding you as you strive to teach God's word to your family:

- **Consistency:** Pick a time that works well for your family. This means a time you are all present on a regular basis. Don't stress on the days it just doesn't work out. That is okay. The key is making it a part of your lives just as you do dinner time and bath time.
- **Prayer:** This is one of the most important things we can do with our kids. Don't be a phony. Show your kids, through prayer, your relationship with God and your heart for them.
- **Patience:** Allow discussion to happen naturally.
- **Read the passage:** No matter what age, repetition is part of learning. Read the passage daily with your kids. If nothing else, you are teaching them to read God's word daily.

Family Study Week 5

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Read Exodus 7:14-12:30

Sunday

Word of the Day: Obey

To obey is one of creation's most defining characteristics. The stars, planets, and universes along with all forms of life exist to actively bring glory to God. God created us to do the same, but we chose to disobey. Choosing to do what seemed right within our own hearts and minds, we along with the rest of creation were cursed with death instead of life. Apart from God, we truly only obey Satan as the Prince of the Power of the Air and heirs in his kingdom. God calls us to obey Him and His will for our lives. We must obey as Jesus did and taught, "Pick up our cross and follow Him." That means we turn from all that we use to obey, and follow Jesus.

Questions:

1. Who do you live to obey?
2. Why do you obey them?
3. Who do your friends obey?
4. Who did Satan obey?
5. Who did Jesus obey?
6. Why does God the Father want you to obey Him?
7. Will God help you obey His will?

Monday

Word of the Day: Magicians

We know magicians today simply as entertainers, but in most all early cultures magicians were very powerful people. Even in some cases, they were considered even more powerful than gods themselves. Egypt used magic as a way of both protection and provision from other kingdoms and other gods. Whether the magicians we read about possessed super natural powers, authentic sorceries, or impressive slight of hand, the people believed. God the father, not willing to be unnoticed by both the Hebrews and the Egyptians, proved His power was far greater. In so doing He was and is the one to follow.

Questions:

1. What are some things you've seen that you can't explain?
2. Who did those things?
3. What are some things Jesus did that we can't explain?
4. How are those things that Jesus did important for us today?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Plague

The word plague in the Bible refers to affliction or disease sent by God as judgement and sin. In Exodus this judgement of God comes as the Pharaoh refuses to follow God's will for the Hebrews. The purpose of such plagues is not simply to cause discomfort, pain, or death, but to show the power and will of God.

Questions:

1. What is a plague?
2. Why does God send plagues?
3. Did Jesus ever experience plagues in His life?
4. How are we to respond if we find ourselves within a plague?
5. How did God desire the Egyptians to respond to the plagues?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Passover

We read in the passage this week about God's continued plague on Egypt and will for His people. The Passover stands alone as a plague in the devastating and powerful affects that it caused. For the Hebrews it emerges as a sign of hope and God's protection. God commanding obedience from His people, created a ceremony that focuses on one sacrifice that atones for God's people and their sin.

Questions:

1. What is the Passover?
 - Historical event
 - Jewish festival
 - Metaphorical truth
2. Is the Passover important for us today?
3. Did Jesus observe the Passover?

4. The Passover delivered the Hebrews out of slavery from Egypt. What did it do for us?

Thursday

Word of the Day: Hardened Heart

Romans 9:17-18 tells us that God through all things works for His glory. In doing this, He chooses some in mercy and judges some by hardening their hearts. God did this in Egypt with Pharaoh by not allowing him to see the glory and power of God through all of His amazing works. God was truly glorified by the plagues in Egypt and the freedom He gave the Hebrews.

Questions:

1. What does it mean for God to harden a heart?
2. What are God's reasons for hardening hearts?
3. Did Jesus ever have His heart hardened? No.
4. Why did Jesus never have a hardening of His heart toward God?
5. Have you ever felt in life that God was your enemy?

Friday

Word of the Day: Blood

Blood is a prominent theme throughout the scriptures and is most talked about within the first five books of the Bible. The payment for our sin is death. One of God's metaphors for this is blood. We begin to see this theme in Exodus with the Passover. God provides life to His people, both in Exodus and today, through the provision of Jesus and His Gospel.

Questions:

1. Does God still demand blood to fulfill the curse?
2. How can we meet God's demands and still have life?
3. How did Jesus fulfill God's requirements?
4. Do you trust Jesus as the only one who can pay for your sins and give you life?

Saturday

Word of the Day: Humble

God in Exodus 10:3 asked Pharaoh why he refuses to humble himself to Him. Sign after sign, Pharaoh continued denying God the Father as God. He chose to live a life where he was god instead.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to humble yourself?
2. Why is it hard to place yourself under another's authority?
3. Was Jesus humble?
4. Who does God want you to humble yourself to?

Family Study Week 6

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Read Exodus 12:31-13:16

Sunday

Word of the Day: Bless

God tells Moses that when he and the people are leaving Egypt not to forget to bless Him. God's heart here is to teach the people as they receive God's grace to acknowledge who gave it.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to bless someone or something? To give praise or honor.
2. Did Jesus ever bless God the Father?
3. How do you bless God the Father and Jesus?

Monday

Word of the Day: Aaron

Moses asked for God to send someone else to speak for him. God sent Aaron to speak what Moses told him. In God's own words, He made Moses like God and Aaron the prophet of Moses both speaking God's words.

Questions:

1. Why did God need someone to speak His words?
2. Does Moses and Aaron remind you of God the Father and Jesus?
3. Just as Aaron was God's prophet to the Egyptians and Hebrews, who are God's prophets today?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Serve

God called the Hebrews, led by Moses and Aaron, to go and serve Him. This meant to go and actively do the things God had commanded them to do. We see in this God's role as Lord and we as His servants.

Questions:

1. How do you serve someone?

2. How does God ask you to serve Him?
3. Should you serve God?
4. Should you serve Mommy and Daddy?
5. Who did Jesus serve? Jesus served God the Father, Mommy and Daddy, His disciples, and all the Father gave him.
6. Is it easy to serve?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Statute

God has been teaching in chapter 12 about the Passover which is a new law God is putting into effect. The law stated that only those set apart for God can take part in this feast.

Questions:

1. Why did God make statutes/laws?
2. Why do you have to be part of God's people to take part in His festival?
3. What are we to celebrate today in place of the Passover? Jesus' sinless life, His death as our Passover sacrifice, and His resurrection as God's gracious gift of life.

Thursday

Word of the Day: Consecrate

In chapter 13 verse 2, God commands the Hebrews to devote their first born to His service.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to consecrate someone or something?
2. What did God want the Hebrews to remember as they devote their first born to God? The 10th plague.
3. Why does God want us to remember His grace?
4. What is it that makes God's devoted people clean or redeemed? The Gospel (Jesus' life, death, and resurrection).

Friday

Word of the Day: Redeem

God, in teaching about the first born, tells His people that their first born children must be redeemed. God continues to tell the people that a lamb must be sacrificed to illustrate God killing the Egyptian's first born to bring them freedom from slavery in Egypt.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to redeem.
2. Do people need to be redeemed? Yes. (from sin)
3. How are we redeemed from our sin? God calls us to believe in His Gospel.
4. Did Jesus need to be redeemed?
5. Do you need to be redeemed?

Saturday

Word of the Day: Sacrifice

God tells the Hebrews that a sacrifice is necessary to redeem their children. As seen in the Passover itself, it was the blood shed that was applied to the family that saved the first born from death.

Questions:

1. What is a sacrifice?
2. Does God still require a sacrifice to redeem His children? Yes.
3. What is the sacrifice God asks for? Jesus.
4. Did Jesus need a sacrifice to be redeemed? No.

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Read Exodus 13:17-15:21

Sunday

Word of the Day: Glory

God tells Moses and the Hebrews that He will be glorified over Pharaoh and all others in Egypt. This tells us that God not only desires to preserve his people, the Hebrews, but also to show the Egyptians that He alone is Lord.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to get glory?
2. How do you give God glory?
3. Did Jesus give God glory as He lived here?

Monday

Word of the Day: Angel of God

Moses records that angel of God led the Hebrews out of Egypt. He did this both by a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud. The angle of God is called the Lord in chapter 14 verse 24 and chapter 3 verse 4. Regardless of His exact identity, He operates with God's will and power.

Questions:

1. What is the purpose of the angle of God?
2. How does God protect us today?
3. How does God work for His glory today?
4. Was Jesus protected by the angel of God?

Tuesday

Word of the Day: Triumph

Chapter 15 begins with Moses singing a song to God, "For He has triumphed gloriously." God's power to redeem His people out of Egypt was what moved Moses to write this about God's triumphant will for His people.

Questions:

1. What does triumph mean?
2. What did god triumph over?
3. Do you need God to triumph over something in your life?
4. What did Jesus triumph over?

Wednesday

Word of the Day: Strength

As Moses responds to God, He writes in verse 15 that God alone is His strength.

Questions:

1. What is strength?
2. What is your strength in?
3. Who did Jesus find strength in?
4. Is it easy to find your strength in God?

Thursday

Word of the Day: Salvation

At the beginning of Moses' song he writes, "He has become my salvation." Moses was fully aware of the fact that God and God alone is His deliverer.

Questions:

1. What is salvation?
2. Do you need salvation?
3. What does God want to save you from?
4. Did Jesus need salvation?

Friday

Word of the Day: Exalt

While Moses is writing this song to God, he tells us that he is exalting the God of his father. He had grown up learning a great deal of

things and yet remembered and took the time to learn about the God of his father and people.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to exalt someone?
2. Who did Jesus exalt?
3. Who should we exalt?
4. Is it always easy to exalt God?

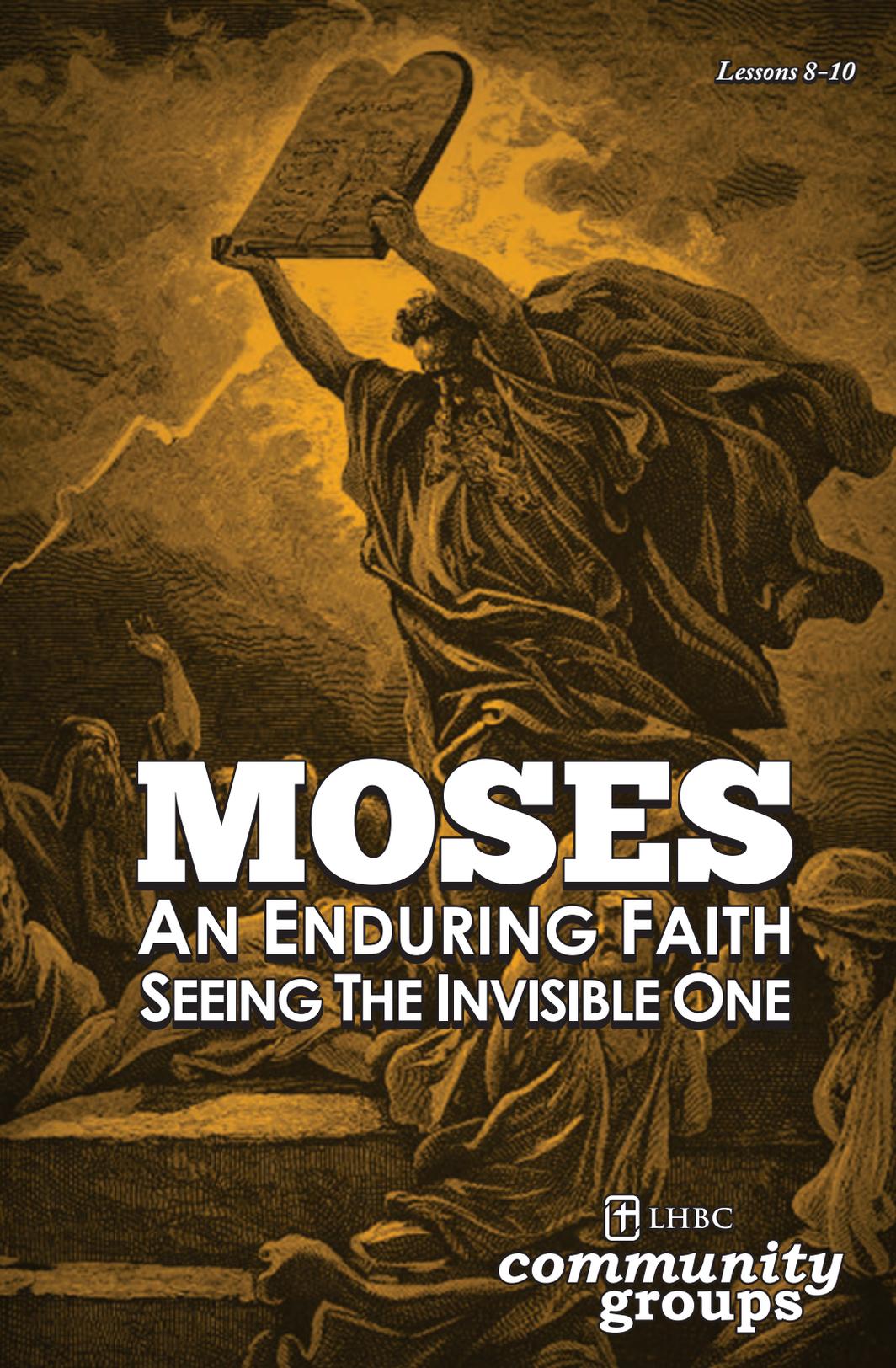
Saturday

Word of the Day: Holiness

Moses asked the question, “Who is like the Lord, majestic in holiness?” What he is saying is that God has no equal.

Questions:

1. What is holiness?
2. Are you holy?
3. Is Jesus holy?
4. What is it that makes us holy?



Lessons 8-10

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*Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to
His abundant mercy
has begotten us again to a
Living Hope
through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

Community Group Purpose Statement

We, as smaller gatherings of one family, will practice with our lives the gospel truths that we confess with our mouths. Together, we will allow our lives to be challenged by the gospel and one another; we will live lives of boldness and purpose. As we walk in the light of the gospel, we will point to the grace of God and its power to set lives free from sin and death. We will continue praying, teaching, making disciples, and bearing one another's burdens. Following the pattern set before us by Jesus, we will bring joy to our family (the church) and glory to his name.

What is a Community Group?

Community groups are small gatherings of people that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears. Community groups are an essential expression of the mission of Living Hope Baptist Church. They're a place where we learn more about Jesus and life together. They're the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us.

Each community group is unique, shaped by its neighborhood and the people who attend. However, you can expect a weekly gathering in a residence that involves food, conversation, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and service in the neighborhood. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see an authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the neighborhood.

Why Should I Join a Community Group?

The God of the Bible is a Trinitarian God who is one and three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. God has made us in his image, which means we are made for community and friendship. And when we are not living in community we suffer because life in a sinful world is too complex and tempting to journey alone. Therefore, community groups are a place where we can live in relationship with one another through the ups and downs of life.

Community Group Study Guide

- S – SUMMARY:*** A summary of the lesson's passage.
- O – OBSERVATION:*** A list of questions related to the biblical context of that lesson's passage.
- A – APPLICATION:*** A list of questions for applying that lesson's passage to one's personal life and experiences.
- P – PRAYER:*** A time to spend in communication with God in response to His word and it's application to your life.

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Moses: An Enduring Faith - Seeing the Invisible One

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Week 8

Complaining People

Exodus 15:22-18:27

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Summary

At this point in the narrative, we begin to see a pretty clear pattern established. God would test his people, and then he would bless them. He tested them with affliction in Egypt, and blessed them with deliverance. He tested them with fear at the Red Sea, and then he blessed them by conquering the enemy. That pattern would soon be continued in the wilderness, where water was scarce and food was nonexistent. However, despite God's promises and history of provision, God's people were not confident. At every hint of trial, they would complain to Moses. This complaint was really a complaint against God, and was driven by their refusal to recall the many miraculous things God had already done for them.

Observation

1. After the people left the Red Sea, what problem arose?
2. What was the problem when they finally found water?
3. What did God do when Moses cried out to him?
4. When did the people come to the wilderness of Sin?
5. What did the people complain of there?
6. Where did they say they would rather be?
7. When the people grumbled to Moses, who were they really grumbling about?
8. What did the people grumble about at Rephidim?
9. What did Moses equate with questioning him?
10. What were the people prepared to do to Moses?
11. Moses called the place where he smote the rock Massah ("testing") and Meribah ("quarreling.") Read Psalm 95:7-9. What caused the people to test God and to quarrel with him? What had they forgotten?

Application

1. When was a time that you questioned God's provision?
2. How does our perception of our "needs" differ from God's?
3. When we complain about our circumstances, who or what are we really complaining about?
4. What are some things God has done for you that encourage you when you have a perceived need?

Complaining People

Exodus 15:22-18:27

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Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Continual Provision

Exodus 15:22-18:27

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Week 8-Lesson 2

Summary

God continued to provide for his people in the wilderness. His provision of food came with guidelines that were intended to teach his people to be faithful and trust God for provision. His provision of water was intended to teach them that all things came through his power. These basic necessities were symbolic of the coming Christ, who is sufficient for all who are faithful.

Observation

1. In 16:4, what did God give the people in response to their hunger?
2. What were the two commands concerning the manna?
3. Read John 6:31-35. What was the manna a symbol of?
4. In addition to manna, what else did God give the people to eat?
5. What happened when the people gathered too much manna?
6. What were the people to do on the Sabbath?
7. What did God command Moses to do in 16:32? For what purpose?
8. How long did the people eat manna?
9. At Rephidim, what did God command Moses to do about the lack of water?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. What did the rock represent?
11. What did Jethro bring to the LORD? What was the elder's response?
12. How long did the people stand around Moses to be judged?
13. What was Jethro's advice to Moses?
14. What did he say would happen if Moses took his advice?

Application

1. How does your salvation determine what satisfies you?
2. How does trust in God determine your actions?
3. How does "rest" demonstrate faith in God?
4. When was a time that you tried to do everything yourself, but should have sought help?
5. God places people around us to help us. Does that benefit us, them, or both?

Prayer

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Conquering Power

Exodus 15:22-18:27

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Week 8-Lesson 3

Summary

God conquers his enemies. That was apparent in the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, and it was apparent afterward when they were attacked by the Amalekites. While he often uses people to carry out his purposes, it is his power that enables them. This is evident in the battle with Amalek, as Joshua's efforts in battle were only effective while Moses was interceding with prayer. This action by God, like everything else he does, was for his own glory.

Observation

1. What did God do after he fixed the water at Marah?
2. What was the statute?
3. Read Deuteronomy 28:58-60. How would God conquer them if they did not obey?
4. Immediately after calling them to be faithful, where did God lead them to?
5. What happened at Rephidim after the people got water to drink?
6. What responsibilities were given to Joshua? What did Moses do?
7. The rod that Moses held up was the same one that he had done signs with and delivered the plagues with. What was this rod a sign of?
8. What do you think Moses was doing while he held the rod up?
9. When did Israel prevail? When did Amalek prevail?
10. What was Amalek's punishment?
11. How did Jethro's rejoicing show that God had fulfilled his purpose of the plagues? You may need to review 6:7 and 7:5.

Application

1. How does God's provision for us determine his right to tell us how to live?
2. In whose power are things accomplished?
3. What is the most important thing we can do in God's service?
4. When was a time that your best human effort seemed fruitless?
5. What is the ultimate purpose of everything God does?

Prayer

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Week 9

The Presence of God

Exodus 19:1-20:21

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Week 9-Lesson 1

Summary

God delivered his people so that they might bring glory to him. He gave them specific instructions of how they could do that. By keeping the covenant, they would be set apart from those around them. In addition, those around them would see God's presence and blessing. However, before they could approach God and be given his instruction, they had to be consecrated. This consecration demonstrated that it is only God's people that can approach him; his own should never take that lightly.

Observation

1. How was the camp at Sinai a fulfillment of a sign that God had promised? You may need to review 3:12.
2. What did God remind the people of in 19:4?
3. What was the conditional result offered in 19:5-6? What was the condition?
4. What do you think it means to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation?"
5. Read 1 Peter 2:5, 9. Is the church today called to be the same thing?
6. In 19:8, did the people agree to the initial commands of God?
7. In 19:9, how did God say he would come to Moses? Why?
8. "Consecrate" means to "set apart as holy." In 19:10-15, what were some of the things the people were to do in preparing to meet a holy God?
9. Why could the people not touch the mountain?
10. What was the penalty for touching the mountain?
11. What were some of the sights and sounds of God's presence?
12. What did the people fear in 20:18?
13. What did they say to Moses?
14. What did Moses say was the purpose of the people's fear?

Application

1. As a "holy priesthood," how do we make "spiritual sacrifices?"
2. What makes it possible for us to approach God today?
3. In what ways do we approach God?
4. How should we prepare to approach God?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

The Precepts of God

Exodus 19:1-20:21

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Week 9-Lesson 2

Summary

God delivered his people from Egypt, and he did it with a specific purpose in mind. Because of that, it was both appropriate and necessary that he deliver to them a standard of conduct. What we know as the Ten Commandments is that standard. However, it was only a summary of the complete law that would be delivered later. It covered both man's relationship to God and man's relationship to man.

Observation

1. Read 20:2. What did God do that made Israel's faithfulness both possible and appropriate?
2. Considering your answer to the first question, are the commandments a means to God's grace or a response to God's grace?
3. In 20:20, what does fear of the LORD prevent?
4. List the Ten Commandments. They are found in 20:3-20:17.
5. The first four commandments have to do with man's relationship to whom?
6. The last six commandments have to do with man's relationship to whom?
7. "Before me" in the first commandment comes from a Hebrew word that can mean "in preference to me," "in my presence," or "in competition with me." Which definition do you think God intended?
8. Making a likeness of anything is wrong if it is used for what purpose?
9. Read Leviticus 19:12, Leviticus 24:10-16, and Deuteronomy 1:27. What are some ways to take God's name in vain?
10. How had God already prepared the people for six days of work and one day of rest? You may need to review 16:22-26.
11. How is the fifth commandment different from the other nine? You may need to read Ephesians 6:2.
12. Does the promise attached to the fifth commandment only concern length of life, or does it involve quality of life as well? You may need to read Deuteronomy 5:16 to be sure.
13. Read Mark 7:10. How is the promise of the fifth commandment expressed negatively?
14. Read Romans 13:8-10. How is love the fulfilling of the law?
15. Read Ephesians 5:5. To be covetous is to violate both the tenth commandment and which other one?

The Precepts of God

Exodus 19:1-20:21

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Application

1. What has God done that makes our obedience both possible and appropriate?
2. How would you summarize what our relationship to God should be?
3. How would you summarize what our relationship to man should be?

Prayer

The Application questions might prompt both a feeling of gratitude and a desire for growth. What is your prayer?

Summary

God delivered his law to man so that we might realize our utter inability to measure up to his demands. The very presence of a law awakens in us the tendency to sin. Wickedness in our heart condemns us as thoroughly as the actual deed does. Anything that we place before God is an idolatrous act that violates the first commandment. God's law demonstrates how far short we fall of his standards, and it exposes our inability to do anything to reconcile ourselves to him. The hopelessness of our condition should humble us. However, he is able and willing to save all who will rest in his mercy and grace.

Observation

1. The Ten Commandments were a summary of the whole law. Read Romans 7:7-11. How does the law force people to realize they can't obey the law?
2. Read Matthew 5:21-22 and Matthew 5:27-28. How do the words of Jesus concerning murder and adultery demonstrate that man's problem isn't really about outward acts?
3. Read Matthew 19:16-22. While the rich young ruler professed to keep the law, he in fact did not. His response to Jesus proved that he was breaking which commandment?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Romans 3:23. Are there any who keep the law?

Application

1. How does your heart betray you when you try to obey God's commands?
2. Are there any other "gods" that you allow in your life? What are they?
3. Since everyone fails to keep the law, what is our only hope?
4. How does God's grace encourage you?

Prayer

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Summary

God had promised to deliver his people and be their God. The tabernacle was the means through which he would dwell among them. It was symbolic of Eden, when God walked with man in the garden. God provided the means to build it by blessing his people with all the necessary metals and fabrics. He provided the design for it by giving specific instructions and showing Moses how to build it. He also provided the workers, as he prepared certain people with the necessary gifts to produce the detailed designs. The whole thing was of him and for him.

The tabernacle was a tent surrounded by a courtyard. There were precious metals throughout, but they increased in value as one approached the Most Holy Place. The Most Holy Place was a room in the tent where God's presence dwelled. The only thing in there was the ark, in which were the tablets of law. God's presence was above this ark; there were specific instructions of how to approach him.

Observation

1. What was the means through which God chose to dwell among his people? (25:8)
2. What was the ark overlaid with? (25:11)
3. What was to go in the ark? (25:16)
4. From where would God meet with Moses? (25:22)
5. What was the table for the bread of the Presence overlaid with? (25:23-24)
6. Read Leviticus 24:5-9. Why did the table have utensils that went with it?
7. What was the lamp stand made of? (25:31)
8. What separated the Most Holy from the Holy Place? What was on it? (26:31,33)
9. What was placed in the Most Holy Place? (26:34)
10. What was placed in the Holy Place outside the Most Holy? (26:35, 30:6)
11. How was the screen for the entrance of the tent different from the one separating the Most Holy Place? (26:36)
12. What were the pillars and bases of the courtyard made of? (27:10)
13. What was the altar in the courtyard covered with? (27:1,2)
14. What was this altar called in 38:1?
15. Where was the bronze basin placed? (30:18)

Application

1. How does God dwell among us today?
2. Where does God's law dwell today?
3. The mercy seat could very well have been translated "propitiatory covering." How does this "covering" over the law represent Christ?
4. How do the detailed instructions for building the tabernacle represent how we are to respond to Christ's instructions?

Prayer

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Summary

God chose Aaron and his sons to be priests in his tabernacle. He gave specific instructions for what they should wear, what they should do, and when they should do it. Much of the instruction carried with it the penalty of death should they be disobedient. These specific instructions demonstrated the specific way in which we must approach God; it is only because of the atoning work of our priest Jesus Christ and the counting of his righteousness for us that we can stand before the LORD.

Observation

1. Who was to serve as priests? (28:1)
2. What were the garments that were to be made? (28:4)
3. We know that the Urim and Thummin, whatever they were, were used to seek God's decision on something (see 1 Samuel 14:41-42, 1 Samuel 28:6, and Ezra 2:63). Where were they when Aaron went in before the LORD? (28:30)
4. What was engraved on the gold plate? (28:36)
5. Why did Aaron wear the turban with the engraved gold? (28:38)
6. What would be the consequence of Aaron and his sons not wearing the undergarments? (28:42-43)
7. How does the need for Aaron and his sons to be consecrated compare to Jesus' high priesthood in Hebrews 7:26-28? (29:1)
8. What was the purpose of the sin offering? (29:35-37)
9. Read Leviticus 1:4. What was the purpose of the first burnt offering?
10. What was the purpose of the second burnt offering? (29:22)
11. What did the priests do with the breast of the ram of ordination? (29:26)
12. What was the perpetual due from the people of Israel from their peace offering? (29:27-28)
13. What were Aaron and his sons to eat? (29:31-32)
14. How long did the ordination last? (29:35)
15. What was to be offered each morning and twilight? (29:38-39)

Application

1. How important should the seeking of God's will be to us?
2. How can we approach God?
3. What is the penalty for approaching God without the righteousness of Christ?

The Priest

Exodus 25-31

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4. What is the difference between our sins being merely forgotten, and their being paid for?

Prayer

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Summary

God delivered his people that he might dwell among them. He promised to do many things, and he did everything necessary to ensure the fulfillment of those promises. He blessed them so that they had the means to build the tabernacle, he gave them instructions so that they had the knowledge to build the tabernacle, and he gave them the skills so that they had the ability to build the tabernacle. God's interceding work and his sovereign hand are for the benefit of his own and the glory of his name.

Observation

1. What are the six "I will" statements of God in 29:42-45?
2. What would the people know? (29:46)
3. Why did God bring them out of Egypt? (29:46)
4. Who was to contribute to the sanctuary? (25:2)
5. Where did the people get the stuff to contribute? You may need to review 12:35-36.
6. Why did God want them to build a sanctuary? (25:8)
7. Who was to make the garments? (28:3)
8. The ephod had two onyx stones on it. What was engraved on the stones? (28:9-10)
9. The breast piece had twelve stones on it. What was engraved on each stone? (28:21)
10. What were the people to give at the census? How much was it? What was it used for? (30:12-16)
11. What was the penalty for making anointing oil or incense for personal use? (30:32, 38)
12. Who did God call to work with the metals, wood, etc.? How did he prepare him? (31:1-5)
13. Who did God prepare to help him? (31:1-6)
14. What were they able to accomplish? (31:11)
15. Compare 31:13, 16 with Deuteronomy 5:15 and compare 31:17 with 20:8-11. What two things does this passage base the observance of the Sabbath on?

Application

1. Why did God deliver us from sin?
2. Why does God bless us with things?

The People

Exodus 25-31

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3. Christ's intercession for man is focused on what group of people?
4. Accomplishing things for God is possible through what power?
5. Did God give you any gifts or skills that you are not using for him?

Prayer

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Family Study

Pastoral Parenting: Family Resources

Deut. 4:9, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 6:1-4

God is very clear from His word. God's heart desires children that love His teaching and follow it. In all of God's words for our children, he tells us as the fathers and mothers to be pastoral in how we parent our kids.

As parents we know what our kids like and dislike, we know their fears and what comforts them, and we know their strengths and insecurities. In other words, we know our kids better than anyone else thus making us most fit to teach them and lead them toward God. We do this daily in our "teaching moments". These lessons are not meant to be burdens on you and your family, but rather sources of joy. The following are some ideas that you may find helpful in guiding you as you strive to teach God's word to your family:

- **Consistency:** Pick a time that works well for your family. This means a time you are all present on a regular basis. Don't stress on the days it just doesn't work out. That is okay. The key is making it a part of your lives just as you do dinner time and bath time.
- **Prayer:** This is one of the most important things we can do with our kids. Don't be a phony. Show your kids, through prayer, your relationship with God and your heart for them.
- **Patience:** Allow discussion to happen naturally.
- **Read the passage:** No matter what age, repetition is part of learning. Read the passage daily with your kids. If nothing else, you are teaching them to read God's word daily.

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 8

Day 1

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Diligent

God asks the Hebrews in verse 26 to diligently listen to His voice. What God desires is for His people to listen and follow His words with great care and effort.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be diligent?
2. What do you see your mommy and daddy doing diligently?
3. What is Jesus diligently doing today?

Day 2

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Commandments

God throughout time has told us things we must do and things we must not do. These commands from God are not punishment but meant to lead us to live as we were created to.

Questions:

1. What is a command?
2. What are some commands from God?
3. Is it hard at times to follow God's commands?
4. Did Jesus follow God the Father's commands?
5. Was it hard for Jesus at times?
6. Did Jesus stop as life got hard?

Day 3

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Healer

Verse 26 God is clear. He is the healer and the Hebrews must follow His design for their lives.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to heal?
2. What does it mean to be healed?
3. What do you need to be healed from?
4. Did Jesus need to be healed from sin?
5. Who is it that has the power to heal you from sin?
6. Does God want to heal you from your sin?

Day 4

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Test

God often tests His people, but always for His glory and the good of His people.

Questions:

1. Why does God test people?
2. Did God test Jesus?
3. Was it hard for Jesus while God tested Him?
4. When it got hard for Jesus did He give up?

Day 5

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Law

The law is simply God's word. It is a picture of God's character and who God created us to be.

Questions:

1. What is the law?
2. Why does God give us the law?
3. Did Jesus follow the law?
4. Is it worth it to follow God's law even in difficult times?

Day 6

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Hardship

Moses told his father-in-law about God bringing the Hebrews out of Egypt and the hardships that came as they followed God.

Questions:

1. What is a hardship?
2. Have you gone through a hardship?
3. Do hardships only come as you follow God?
4. Did Jesus go through hardships?
5. Did hardships cause Jesus to give up?
6. Will a life of following God mean you will not suffer hardships?

Day 7

Week 8 reading: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Word of the Day: Judge

We see in chapter 18 verse 13 Moses sitting before the people as a judge. In this picture the Judge is a person elected by God and followed by men. The judge used the commands or law of God to teach the people how to live.

Questions:

1. What is a judge?
2. Are judges necessary?
3. Who is the Judge of life and death?
4. Should you listen to what a judge has to say?
5. Who stood as judge over Jesus?

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 9

Day 1

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Jealous God

God commands in verse 20:4 that the Hebrews are never to bow or serve created things as idols. God calls Himself a jealous God meaning He is unwilling to share the hearts and lives of His people as their God.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be jealous?
2. Is it a good thing that God wants all of His children's love and worship?
3. Is it hard to always worship God with your life?
4. Should you stop giving God your worship if it is hard?
5. Did Jesus worship another god with His life?
6. Is it wrong for God to demand all of our worship?

Day 2

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Honor

God continues His commands with honor. We were created to show honor and to live life fully. We must honor those God has placed over us.

Questions:

1. What does honor mean?
2. Who do you honor in your life?
3. Why do you honor them?
4. Who did Jesus honor with His life?

Day 3

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Murder

God commands 20:13 “You shall not murder.”

Questions:

1. What is Murder?
2. Why is it wrong?
3. What did Jesus do in place of taking life?
4. Were we created to take life?
5. What were we created to do with life?

Day 4

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Adultery

God commands “You shall not commit adultery”.

Questions:

1. What is adultery?
2. Why is adultery wrong?
3. Did Jesus ever commit adultery?
4. How did God create man and woman to live together?

Day 5

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Steal

God commands “You shall not steal.”

Questions:

1. What is stealing?
2. Why is it wrong?
3. Did Jesus ever steal?
4. What did Jesus do in place of stealing?
5. What did God create us to do in place of stealing?

Day 6

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: False Witness

God commands “You shall not bear false witness...”

Questions:

1. What does it mean to bear false witness?
2. Why is it wrong?
3. Did Jesus ever tell lies?
4. What did God create us to talk about?

Day 7

Week 9 reading: Exodus 19:1-20:21

Word of the Day: Covet

God commands “You shall not covet.”

Questions:

1. What is coveting?
2. Why is it bad?
3. Did Jesus covet?
4. How did God create us to view possessions?

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 10

Day 1

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Sanctuary

God commands Moses to let the people make a place for Him to dwell with the Hebrews. To put it simply; a room set apart for God.

Questions:

1. What is a sanctuary?
2. Where does God dwell today?
3. Who was allowed in the sanctuary?

Day 2

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Tabernacle

The tabernacle was a tent that represented the presence of God. It was designed to be a constant reminder of the need to worship God.

Questions:

1. What is a tabernacle?
2. Where is the tabernacle today?
3. Was the tabernacle around when Jesus was alive?

Day 3

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Mercy Seat

God commanded the people to make a mercy seat to hold the atoning sacrifice. Mercy seat literally means “atonement place” and is where the sacrifice was placed before God.

Questions:

1. Why did God need a mercy seat?
2. Do we need a mercy seat today?
3. What is it that pays for our sin today?

Day 4

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Ransom

God tells the people they must present a ransom for their life. Verse 30:12

Questions:

1. What is a Ransom?
2. Why does God need a ransom?
3. Did Jesus need a ransom to preserve His life?
4. What is your ransom today?

Day 5

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Atonement

Versus 30:16 God commands an atonement offering from the people to cover their offenses toward God.

Questions:

1. What is atonement?
2. Who is your atonement?
3. Did Jesus need an atonement?
4. Do you need atonement from your sin?

Day 6

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Sabbath

Verse 31:13 God commands "Above all you shall keep my

Sabbaths.”

Questions:

1. What is a Sabbath?
2. Did Jesus observe God’s Sabbath?
3. Why does God desire we rest from work and worship Him?
4. Is it hard sometimes to stop and focus on God?

Day 7

Week 10 reading: Exodus 25-31

Word of the Day: Testimony

Moses records he carries the tablets of the “testimony” of God. What he is telling us is that God wrote the words as He was present. The commands also teach us the very nature of God.

Questions:

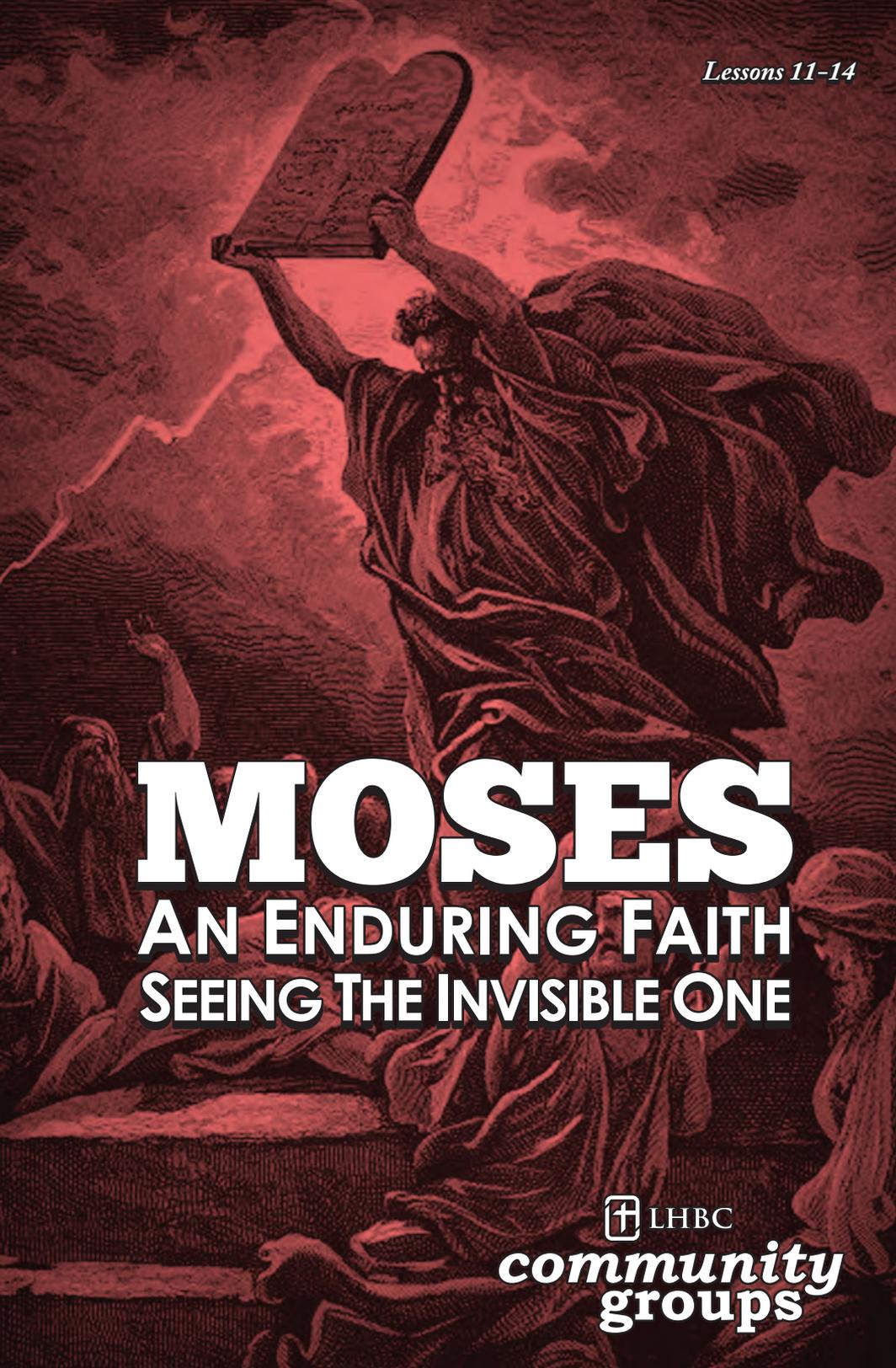
1. What is a testimony?
2. What is your testimony?
3. What is the testimony of Jesus?
4. What does God desire your testimony to be?



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Lessons 11-14

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*Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to
His abundant mercy
has begotten us again to a
Living Hope
through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

Community Group Purpose Statement

We, as smaller gatherings of one family, will practice with our lives the gospel truths that we confess with our mouths. Together, we will allow our lives to be challenged by the gospel and one another; we will live lives of boldness and purpose. As we walk in the light of the gospel, we will point to the grace of God and its power to set lives free from sin and death. We will continue praying, teaching, making disciples, and bearing one another's burdens. Following the pattern set before us by Jesus, we will bring joy to our family (the church) and glory to his name.

What is a Community Group?

Community groups are small gatherings of people that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears. Community groups are an essential expression of the mission of Living Hope Baptist Church. They're a place where we learn more about Jesus and life together. They're the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us.

Each community group is unique, shaped by its neighborhood and the people who attend. However, you can expect a weekly gathering in a residence that involves food, conversation, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and service in the neighborhood. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see an authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the neighborhood.

Why Should I Join a Community Group?

The God of the Bible is a Trinitarian God who is one and three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. God has made us in his image, which means we are made for community and friendship. And when we are not living in community we suffer because life in a sinful world is too complex and tempting to journey alone. Therefore, community groups are a place where we can live in relationship with one another through the ups and downs of life.

Community Group Study Guide

- S – SUMMARY:*** A summary of the lesson's passage.
- O – OBSERVATION:*** A list of questions related to the biblical context of that lesson's passage.
- A – APPLICATION:*** A list of questions for applying that lesson's passage to one's personal life and experiences.
- P – PRAYER:*** A time to spend in communication with God in response to His word and it's application to your life.

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Moses: An Enduring Faith - Seeing the Invisible One

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Week 11

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-14

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Week 11 - Lesson 1

Summary

Between the instructions for the tabernacle and its completion, the sin of God's people crystallizes Israel's need for the sanctifying work of the Lord. Israel breaks God's covenant (32:1-35), the Lord responds in anger, but Moses intercedes for the people (33:1-23).

Observation

1. Where was Moses and why had he been gone so long?
2. What was currently happening just outside the camp?
3. What is causing the people to command Aaron to make gods for them to follow?
4. What is the bad logic behind "Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt"?
5. What did the people have to sacrifice in order to follow a false god?
6. What irony is there behind Israel making a god to go before them at this moment?
7. Why would the people have celebrated the golden calf with a feast to the Lord Jehovah?
8. Does the word "early" in verse 32:6 have any significance?
9. As the Lord speaks to Moses in verse 32:7 whose people are Israel?
10. What changed the way God was viewing Israel?
11. What does God's view of Israel being Moses' people mean?
12. What does God's response to Israel's actions mean?
13. What is Moses' response to God's will? Verse 32:11
14. As Moses' response to God in verse 32:11, whose people are Israel?
15. What does verses 32:12-14 mean for Israel?

Application

1. In what ways is God showing His glory before you daily?
2. How often do you miss the glory of God? And what causes you to miss it?
3. How often do you find yourself following other gods rather than the LORD?
4. What are some things you are currently sacrificing in order to worship idols?
5. Can those idols you are currently worshiping bring you everything you are searching for?

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-14

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6. Do you long for closeness with God or are you constantly filled with the anticipation of experiencing your idol?
7. As God reveals sin what does verses 32:12-14 and Galatians 3:7-9 give you?

Prayer

As God teaches you about your desperate need for Him and the hope He gives through the promise of Jesus, what is your response?

Anger, Action & Atonement

Exodus 32:15-35

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Week 11 - Lesson 2

Summary

The Israelites have sinned breaking the covenant of God shortly after it was given. God's appointed leader, Moses, both intercedes for the people's sin as well as acts as God's hand of punishment for the people's offences against God.

Observation

1. Why does Joshua not know what is happening in the camp?
2. What is verse 32:19 a picture of?
3. What does Moses prove about the power of the golden calf in verse 32:20?
4. Who did Aaron fear in verse 32:22? And who should Aaron have feared?
5. Who did Aaron blame the golden calf on? Verse 32:22-24
6. Why did Moses deal with the sin of the people so decisively?
7. How do verses 32:25-29 show God's mercy/compassion?
8. Who does Moses picture for us in verses 32:30-32?
9. Did the presence of God ever leave the mountain?

Application

1. How should you respond when God shows you an idol in your life?
2. How should you respond when God shows you an idol in someone else's life?
3. How does the testimony of Joshua challenge you to live now?
4. How does Moses challenge you to intercede for sinful people today?

Prayer

Seeing God's hatred for sin and the overwhelming compassion he exercises toward those who have wronged Him may bring about a time of true worship. What is your response?

Separation and Longing

Exodus 33-34

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Week 11 - Lesson 3

Summary

Because of the people's sin, God leaves the camp and even removes Himself as their leader onward to the Promised Land. But Moses continues to intercede for the people, pleading it is because of their stubbornness that God must renew His covenant with them.

Observation

1. Who is going before Israel? Verse 33:2.
2. Whose people are the Israelites?
3. Who is going to drive the people out of their land?
4. What is the importance of the people's ornaments in verses 4-6?
5. What does the tent of the meeting symbolize?
6. Did the people want God back in the camp?
7. How are verses 33:8-10 a picture of God the Father, Jesus, and His people?
8. What separates Israel from the other nations?
9. What does God do for His people in verses 33:17-34:35?
10. What is the reason Moses pleads for God's presence in the midst of His people?

Application

1. Whose people are you a part of? God or Satan?
2. Who has provided the promise of life in God's kingdom?
3. What separates you from the world?
4. What has God's presence done for you while you were yet guilty and unredeemed?

Prayer

Moses pleads with God to come before His people, even though they were stiff-necked. Who has God placed before you to plead for His presence in their life?

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Week 12

A Wandering People

Numbers 11-14, 16

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Week 12 - Lesson 1

Summary

Numbers 11-14; 16 chronicles parts of Israel's journey and rebellion outside of the promised land, as well as God's constant provision.

Observation

1. Verses 11:10-15 is this a sinful response toward God's will?
2. Why was Moses so demanding of God to relieve him of the pressures of leading the people?
3. What is it that allowed Moses to live for God even while surrounded by sin?
4. Why would God say "Is the LORD's hand shortened"?
5. What Spirit did the elders receive?
6. What is Moses saying in verse 11:29?
7. What does it mean that Moses was very meek?
8. Why was Caleb's assessment of the land so different?
9. What was Joshua's response to the doubt of the people?
10. What does Joshua mean by "their protection is removed from them"?
11. How is God's response similar to the one on Sinai?
12. How is Moses' response similar to the one on Sinai?
13. Verses 14:13-19; According to this passage what are God's attributes?
14. Are these all of God's attributes?
15. Why were the people defeated in the Promised Land?
16. What land is being referred to in verses 16:13-14?
17. What did Moses mean by "the God of the spirits of all flesh"?

Application

1. Do you fear the sight of your own wretchedness?
2. What gives the power to overcome sin in your response to life's pressures?
3. In what ways have you shortened the hand of God in your life?
4. Do you as God's minister practice meekness?

Prayer

The realization of people constantly wandering under the provision of a holy and good God may prompt feelings of praise and a heart cry for those yet to join God's kingdom. What is your response?

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Week 13

Transition and Preparation Numbers 20-21

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Week 13 - Lesson 1

Summary

Numbers 20:21 records the death of older leaders and the transition of the next generation filling their positions and preparing for God's work.

Observation

1. Who was in control in verses 20:2-3?
2. Who are the people referring to in verse 3?
3. What do the people view as evil?
4. What metaphor do you see in verse 20:8?
5. Read John 4:14; 7:38. Does this relate?
6. What attribute of God do you see after Moses strikes the rock?
7. How did Moses fail to uphold the Lord as holy?
8. What does verse 20:13 teach us?
9. Why did God desire to destroy Arad and all of the people in the cities?
10. How do the words of Jesus in John 3:14-15 relate to verse 9?

Application

1. Have you ever viewed God's provision as evil or wrong?
2. Can you remember a time when you were just dead and motionless like a rock?
3. What did God send or do that caused you to change?
4. How are you being used as a well of living water?
5. Who are some people in your life that need to see Jesus and be saved?

Prayer

With having studied examples of the Gospel this week, you may be moved to pray for those God has placed in your life, that they may see Jesus. You may also have a sense of thanksgiving for God's provision in Jesus. What is your response?

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Week 14

Remember God, His Covenant & Your Sin

Numbers 27:12-23;
Deut. 31-34; Matt.
17:1-8; Luke 9:31

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Week 14 - Lesson 1

Summary

As Moses prepares to die God is preparing the new generation to enter the Promised Land. This transition marks yet another series of warnings not to break Gods covenant.

Observation

1. What changes does Moses' death bring about?
2. Why does Moses echo God's words to the people specifically to Joshua?
3. Is verses Deut. 31:6-7, is God giving a command?
4. What does verses 16-18 say will change about God's people?
5. What does God say directly to Joshua in verse 23?
6. Moses, in verses Deut. 31:24-29, not only echoes God's words but relates to them as leader and intercessor for the people of God?
7. What does God's song to the people teach about Him?
8. What does God's song to the people teach about their standing?
9. How does the song apply to the people? Numbers 32:44-47
10. What does Moses' final word to the people teach them about God and His will for Israel?
11. Read Matt. 17:1-8 and Luke 9:31 What is Jesus trying to teach His disciples on the mountain?
12. How does God speaking on the mountain confirm the imagery of Moses and Elijah?

Application

1. In what way is God's command to be strong and courageous important for you today?
2. What is it that allows you to be strong and courageous?
3. God's song and Moses' poem are meant to convey deep emotions. What is your response to them?
4. Have you seen Jesus as the Savior of the law and the prophets as He shows himself to be at the transfiguration?
5. How should that change the way you read and view the old and new testaments?

Prayer

As you see the reality of sin and the failure of peoples throughout generations, you may be convicted for the necessity of God's presence and the continued need for people to be His heralds to the lost? What is your response?



Family Study

Pastoral Parenting: Family Resources

Deut. 4:9, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 6:1-4

God is very clear from His word. God's heart desires children that love His teaching and follow it. In all of God's words for our children, he tells us as the fathers and mothers to be pastoral in how we parent our kids.

As parents we know what our kids like and dislike, we know their fears and what comforts them, and we know their strengths and insecurities. In other words, we know our kids better than anyone else thus making us most fit to teach them and lead them toward God. We do this daily in our "teaching moments". These lessons are not meant to be burdens on you and your family, but rather sources of joy. The following are some ideas that you may find helpful in guiding you as you strive to teach God's word to your family:

- **Consistency:** Pick a time that works well for your family. This means a time you are all present on a regular basis. Don't stress on the days it just doesn't work out. That is okay. The key is making it a part of your lives just as you do dinner time and bath time.
- **Prayer:** This is one of the most important things we can do with our kids. Don't be a phony. Show your kids, through prayer, your relationship with God and your heart for them.
- **Patience:** Allow discussion to happen naturally.
- **Read the passage:** No matter what age, repetition is part of learning. Read the passage daily with your kids. If nothing else, you are teaching them to read God's word daily.

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 11

Sunday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Merciful

As God shows Himself to Moses He calls Himself Merciful.
Verse 34:6.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be merciful?
2. Is it good that God is merciful? Why?
3. Should you be merciful?
4. Is it always easy to be merciful?
5. Was/is Jesus merciful?
6. In what ways does Jesus show His mercifulness?

Monday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Gracious

As God shows Himself to Moses He calls Himself gracious.
Verse 34:6.

Questions:

1. What dose it mean to be gracious?
2. Is it good that God is gracious? Why?
3. Should you be gracious?
4. Is it always easy to be gracious?
5. Was/is Jesus gracious?
6. In what ways dose Jesus show His graciousness?

Tuesday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Slow to Anger

As God shows Himself to Moses He describes Himself as

being slow to anger. Verse 34:6.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be slow to anger?
2. Is it good that God is slow to anger? Why?
3. Should you be slow to anger?
4. Is it always easy to be slow to anger?
5. Was/is Jesus slow to anger?
6. How is Jesus slow to anger?

Wednesday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Steadfast Love

As God shows Himself to Moses He describes Himself as abounding in steadfast love. Verse 34:6.

Questions:

1. What is steadfast love?
2. Is it good that God is a god of steadfast love? Why?
3. Should you have steadfast love?
4. Is it easy to have steadfast love?
5. Did/does Jesus show steadfast love?

Thursday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Faithfulness

As God shows Himself to Moses He describes Himself as abounding in faithfulness. Verse 34:6.

Questions:

1. What is faithfulness?
2. Is it good that God is a god of faithfulness? Why?
3. Should you practice faithfulness?
4. Is it always easy to have faith?
5. Was/is Jesus faithful?

Friday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Forgiving

As God shows Himself to Moses He describes Himself as forgiving. Verse 34:7.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be forgiving?
2. Is it good that God is a forgiving god?
3. Should you be forgiving?
4. Is it easy to be forgiving?
5. Was/is Jesus forgiving?

Saturday

Week 11 reading: Exodus 32-34

Word of the Day: Guilty

As God shows Himself to Moses He describes Himself as a god that will not clear the guilty. What God is saying is those that have not been redeemed, he will judge for their sin.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be guilty?
2. Are you guilty?
3. What are you guilty of?
4. Will God forgive you of your guilt? How?
5. Was Jesus ever guilty? No.

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 12

Sunday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Why

One of the most common functions in life is to ask why. Moses asks a reason of God for giving him the burden of caring for the Hebrews.

Questions:

1. Do you ever ask God why He does some things?
2. Is it okay to ask God why? Yes.
3. Did Jesus ever ask God why? Yes. Matt. 27:45-46
4. Even if we don't know why God does something, should we follow Him? Yes.

Monday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Wretchedness

Tired of the constant pressure of leading and interceding for the Hebrews, Moses asked God to take his life so he would not have to face his own wicked heart.

Questions:

1. What is wretchedness?
2. Is there wretchedness in your heart?
3. Do you like to see your own wickedness?

Tuesday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Favor

As Moses cries out to God he is asking for favor or for God to deal with him as a friend by not allowing him to endure more hardships.

Questions:

1. What does it mean for someone to show you favor?
2. Is it wrong to show favor to others?
3. Should you always give what is asked of you?
4. What are some ways Jesus shows favor?

Wednesday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Spirit

God in verse 11:17 takes some of the Spirit that He placed in Moses and places it on other men to help bare the burden of the people. God is giving supernatural power to these men as He places some of His spirit in them.

Questions:

1. What is the Spirit?
2. Why does God give His spirit to other men?
3. Do you have God's spirit in you?
4. Did Jesus receive God's spirit?

Thursday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Prophesied

In verse 11:25 God's spirit leads the men to speak the Word of God.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to prophesy?
2. Did Jesus ever prophesy?
3. Should we worry about prophesying? No.
4. What is the only sure way we here God speak today?

Friday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Prophet

Prophets are simply people God speaks through. Verse 11:29.

Questions:

1. What do prophets speak of today? The Bible
2. Who are God's prophets today? His saints.
3. What is necessary to be a prophet? The Holy Spirit.
4. Was Jesus a prophet?

Saturday

Week 12 reading: Numbers 11-14, 16

Word of the Day: Meek

It is recorded in verse 12:3 that Moses is meek. Meekness is not a weakness rather an incredible harnessing of strength. Meekness is the act of patiently suffering wrongs against you without complaining.

Questions:

1. Is God meek?
2. Is Jesus meek?
3. Are you meek?
4. Is it ever easy to be meek?
5. Should you practice meekness?

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 13

Sunday

Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21

Word of the Day: Congregation

Moses in verse 20:1 referred to Israel as a Congregation.

Questions:

1. What is a Congregation?
2. Are you part of a congregation?
3. What congregation was Jesus part of?

Monday

Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21

Word of the Day: Quarreled

God in verse 20:2 has brought Israel to a place in the wilderness without water and the people quarreled with Moses.

Questions:

1. What is quarreling?
2. Do you ever argue with people about what they bring in your life?
3. Do you ever argue with God?
4. Does God always know what is best?
5. Did Jesus ever argue with God? No.

Tuesday

Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21

Word of the Day: Perished

As the people argued with Moses about water, they began to tell Him they would have rather perished with all those before them than suffer without water. Verse 20:3.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to perish?
2. Are you one day going to perish?
3. Who is in control of whether you live or die?
4. Did Jesus perish? Did He rise?
5. What does this mean for His children if Jesus lives?

Wednesday*Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21***Word of the Day: Wilderness**

After God brought Israel out of Egypt, He kept them in the wilderness. The wilderness is simply a land that is not settled by people; a wild and untamed land.

Questions:

1. Why did God lead the people into the wilderness?
2. Did God ever lead Jesus into the wilderness?
3. Why did God lead Jesus into the wilderness?
4. Does God ever lead us into the wilderness? Why?

Thursday*Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21***Word of the Day: Holy**

As God tested the people in the wilderness, Moses and Aaron failed to believe God and show Him as holy.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be holy?
2. How is God holy?
3. Are you holy?
4. Is Jesus holy?

Friday

Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21

Word of the Day: Impatient

As God lead the people in the wilderness they grew impatient as they were seeking comfort and not God and His will for their lives.

Questions:

1. Do you ever grow impatient?
2. What makes you impatient?
3. Does God ever grow impatient?
4. Does Jesus ever grow impatient?

Saturday

Week 13 reading: Numbers 20-21

Word of the Day: Loathe

As God continued providing for Israel the people grew to loathe the food God gave to preserve their life.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to loathe something?
2. Does God loathe?
3. What does Jesus loathe?
4. What should you loathe?

FAMILY STUDY WEEK 14

Sunday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Rebelled

God condemned those that rebelled against Him to death in the wilderness. Even Moses failed to follow God without falling into sin.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to rebel?
2. How do you rebel against God?
3. Did Jesus ever rebel against God?

Monday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Sheep

Webster's dictionary defines sheep as a weak, helpless person who is easily led. God uses that very same illustration in the bible only with one important detail: it is Satan, self, and sin that we follow. Our weakness is shown as we fail to follow the one we should truly live for, Jesus.

Questions:

1. How do you see yourself as a sheep?
2. Who do you follow?
3. Who did/does Jesus follow?
4. Is it easy to follow Jesus as His sheep?
5. If it is hard should you stop following Jesus?

Tuesday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Shepherd

God uses the illustration of a shepherd as the one to care and lead His sheep.

Questions:

1. What is a shepherd?
2. Who is the Good Shepherd?
3. Did Jesus have a shepherd caring for and guiding Him?
4. Do sheep ever leave their shepherd?
5. Did Jesus ever leave His shepherd?

Wednesday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Strong

God in Deuteronomy 31:6 calls Joshua and all of Israel to be strong. This is not a physical strength but a mental one: a mind free from fear.

Questions:

1. Why did God need His people to be strong?
2. Is God the Father a strong god?
3. Is Jesus a strong Redeemer?
4. Are you glad you have a strong God?

Thursday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Courageous

God in Deuteronomy 31:6 calls Joshua and all of Israel to be courageous. He is asking His people that when you feel it is time to give up, to continue to follow Him.

Questions:

1. Why do God's people need to be courageous?
2. Was Jesus courageous?
3. How do you need to be courageous?
4. Will God forgive you if you give up?

Friday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Fear

God in Deuteronomy 31:8 tells Joshua and all of Israel not to fear.

Questions:

1. Why do we not have to fear?
2. What are some of your fears?
3. Will God protect you from things that are bad for you? Yes.
4. What did Jesus fear? Nothing

Saturday

Week 14 reading: Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31-34

Word of the Day: Dismayed

God in Deuteronomy 31:8 tells Joshua and all of Israel not to be dismayed.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be dismayed?
2. Why do we not need to lose our courage in God?
3. Was Jesus ever dismayed?
4. Has something ever caused you to lose your courage in God?



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