

RCC LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION (STUDENT)

EXODUS CHAPTER 2

Discussion Starter

- Have you ever had a plan that you thought was really good but then, that plan didn't turn out at all how you had envisioned? What did you do? How did you respond?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Exodus 2:1-24)

- Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Exodus 2:1-10

- What does the word courage mean? When you think about courageous individuals, what people first come to mind?
- What is the significance of three additional women being referenced so early in the Exodus story? What does their being referenced say about God?

- Consider each of the women referenced in Exodus 2 and the aspect of courage they displayed. What do you think this calls you to in your own life?

□ Exodus 2:11-22

- In what ways did Moses undergo a transformation from the man we find in verses 11-15 to the man that we find in verses 16-22?
 - What areas of your life do you need to more fully surrender to God so that He can more fully empower you to live like Jesus?
- Notice what Moses says when naming his son in verse 22. Why is this significant?
 - In what ways do you struggle with your identity in Jesus? What can you do in those times?

□ Exodus 2:23-24

- What are the differences between having sympathy for someone and getting in the trenches and actually helping someone?
- Notice that God hears His people, sees His people, knows His people, and is going to move on behalf of His people. What do you think the differences are between all of those things?
 - God hearing His people means that God hasn't taken a hands-off approach to His creation. He cares about what they are going through.
 - God seeing His people means that God doesn't see His people as projects or issues but rather souls that He loves.
 - God knowing His people means that He knows the deepest parts of who they are and all parts of who they are. He isn't surprised or frightened by this.

- God moving on behalf of His people means that God is always on the move for His glory but also in the best interests of His creation. He doesn't just sympathize with them. Rather, His heart is moved to action.
 - Which one of the four above named aspects do you struggle with the most when it comes to letting God love you? Which one do you struggle with the most when it comes to loving other people?

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Exodus 3)

RCC LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION (FACILITATOR)

EXODUS CHAPTER 2

Discussion Starter

- Have you ever had a plan that you thought was really good but then, that plan didn't turn out at all how you had envisioned? What did you do? How did you respond?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Exodus 2:1-24)

- Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Exodus 2:1-10

- What does the word courage mean? When you think about courageous individuals, what people first come to mind?
 - These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- What is the significance of three additional women being referenced so early in the Exodus story? What does their being referenced say about God?
 - In those times, women had very little to no value. More than anything, they were looked at as property. The referencing of these three women so early in the Exodus narrative now brings the grand total of women being referenced to five in less than two chapters. What's more is the reality that each of the five women exhibited a tremendous amount of courage in making decisions that endangered themselves and their families. They also made HUGE decisions that were a big part of God's will being done and His people being rescued. The referencing of these three women (five in total thus far) says some of the following about God.
 - God frequently values people that we don't value and believe aren't really worth anything or worth a whole lot.
 - God has a purpose for you no matter who you are and/or what you have done.
 - God frequently brings about His plans and will bring about His plans in ways that we would never expect or imagine and in some cases, in ways that we may not like or desire.
- Consider each of the women referenced in Exodus 2 and the aspect of courage they displayed. What do you think this calls you to in your own life?
 - Go through each woman individually and the aspect of courage she displayed listed below and then listen as the facilitator to what members believe this calls them to in their own lives.
 - Moses' mother: She was willing to go against what the society around her was telling her to do, including the leaders over her at that time.

- Moses' sister: She, a Hebrew with very little to no power was willing to approach an Egyptian princess (the daughter of Pharaoh), who had greater power than she did.
- Pharaoh's daughter: She was willing to and did defy her own family, her father, and king to protect a child who should have been considered "less than" by her.

□ Exodus 2:11-22

- In what ways did Moses undergo a transformation from the man we find in verses 11-15 to the man that we find in verses 16-22?
 - In verses 11-15, we see that Moses was a man with a hot temper who had the right intentions but the wrong follow through. His entire being including His temper were not surrendered to the Lord. In verses 16-22, we see a man who still has a heart to stand up for those who are not able to stand up for themselves but who handles himself in completely different ways than when he was younger.
 - What areas of your life do you need to more fully surrender to God so that He can more fully empower you to live like Jesus?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice what Moses says when naming his son in verse 22. Why is this significant?
 - Moses struggled with his true identity throughout the book of Exodus while also maturing as a man of God and leader of God's people. We can definitely see this struggle in verses 11-15 and we will see this struggle in him again. In the naming of his son, Moses is expressing how he felt, which became who he was for a time.
 - In what ways do you struggle with your identity in Jesus? What can you do in those times?

- These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.

□ Exodus 2:23-24

- What are the differences between having sympathy for someone and getting in the trenches and actually helping someone?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice that God hears His people, sees His people, knows His people, and is going to move on behalf of His people. What do you think the differences are between all of those things?
 - God hearing His people means that God hasn't taken a hands-off approach to His creation. He cares about what they are going through.
 - God seeing His people means that God doesn't see His people as projects or issues but rather souls that He loves.
 - God knowing His people means that He knows the deepest parts of who they are and all parts of who they are. He isn't surprised or frightened by this.
 - God moving on behalf of His people means that God is always on the move for His glory but also in the best interests of His creation. He doesn't just sympathize with them. Rather, His heart is moved to action.
 - Which one of the four above named aspects do you struggle with the most when it comes to letting God love you? Which one do you struggle with the most when it comes to loving other people?
 - These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.

□ Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

□ Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Exodus 3)