



Sermon Discussion Guide

100 Day Challenge: The Backstory

Week 3 – The Exodus

Exodus 1-15 | January 17, 2021

Big Idea

God freed the Israelites from their captivity, and He can set us free today too!

Opening Questions

We've been talking about names a lot lately, including this week. What does your name mean? Why was it chosen? If you have children, share about their names as well.

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Exodus 1:15-17, 2:1-3**. These women chose faith over fear and did the right thing even in the face of danger. How can we do the same? What is the difference between faith and recklessness?
2. The Pharaoh's name is never shared in this story, but the names of the servants are in **Exodus 1:15**. What is the significance of this? What does this say about what God values?
3. Look through **Exodus 3:1-4:14**. Moses initially responded with excuses when God called him to lead the Israelites. What were the excuses Moses gave? What excuses do you sometimes give God?
4. Read **Exodus 3:14-15**. God addressed the fears of Moses and Israel by stating who He was. How did Moses respond to these reassurances (Exodus 5:1)? How did Israel respond (Exodus 6:9)? How can we move away from discouragement and cling to the promises of I Am?
5. Read **John 8:58**. Jesus also referred to himself as "I Am." What do we discover about Jesus' backstory through this parallel?

Concluding Questions

In the story of the Exodus, we see God freeing His people from enslavement. Many of us today are enslaved to sin and the idols we create, but God is still a God of freedom. What areas of your life are you currently a slave to? What steps do you need to take in order to trust God and allow Him to free you?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God of setting people free. Help us to identify the sins that hold us captive and seek the freedom only You can give. Amen."