



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In this exploration of Exodus, we delve into the story of Moses and his journey from prince to shepherd. The central theme revolves around waiting on God's timing and developing character to match our calling. We see how Moses, burdened with a vision from God, initially rushes ahead and takes matters into his own hands. This serves as a poignant reminder for us all - having a calling from God doesn't necessarily mean we have the character to fulfill it yet. The message challenges us to consider: are we sacrificing character for the sake of our perceived calling? Are we responding to injustice with more injustice? As we reflect on Moses' 40-year wait in Midian, we're encouraged to see our own periods of waiting not as delays, but as crucial times of character development. This lesson is deeply relevant to our lives, urging us to trust in God's timing and to focus on becoming the people He's calling us to be, rather than rushing ahead with our own plans.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How might God be developing your character while you wait for a vision or calling to be fulfilled? What areas of growth do you see in your life during seasons of waiting?
2. In what ways have you been tempted to sacrifice character for the sake of achieving a goal or calling? How can we maintain integrity while pursuing our ambitions?
3. How does Jesus' response to unjust aggression (through suffering) challenge our natural inclinations? In what situations might God be calling you to respond to injustice with Christ-like suffering rather than retaliation?
4. What does it mean to be a 'sojourner in a foreign land' as a Christian in today's world? How can we maintain our distinct identity in Christ while engaging with the culture around us?
5. How does the story of Moses' early attempt to save his people remind us of the dangers of acting on our own timing rather than God's? Can you think of a time when you rushed ahead of God's timing?

6. In what ways do you relate to Israel's groaning and crying out to God? How might prolonged suffering or waiting actually deepen our relationship with and dependence on God?
7. How does knowing that 'God sees' and 'God knows' your situation impact your perspective on current struggles or periods of waiting?
8. What parallels do you see between Moses' journey of character development and leadership preparation and your own life? How might God be using your current circumstances to shape you?
9. How does Jesus' cry on the cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' provide comfort in times when we feel God is distant or making us wait?
10. In what ways might God be calling you to 'suffer' or endure difficulty for the sake of your calling or the gospel? How can we cultivate the strength to choose suffering over compromise?