

God's fight against Sin

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Outline

Last Sunday we continued our journey into the book of Exodus and the story of how God fights for his first love, his people. Looking at Exodus two we saw how God chooses Moses to be his man on the ground even though Moses is a sinner, thinks he knows best and literally thinks he can get away with murder. We saw how Moses' God draws him out of his sin and death, how this God is a friend of sinners, and how Moses is restored and strengthened with the Bread of Life. In chapter two of Exodus all the clues point to this God being our Lord Jesus!

Because our God is the loving Father who sends his Son Jesus as our saviour, and the Holy Spirit to live with us, we can be honest about our sins and failures. The New Testament says that if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and able to forgive us and cleans us (1 John 1:9). God is not a business man looking for the perfect apprentice like Alan Sugar. Instead he's the God who hires sinners, lovingly works with them through their sins and mistakes.

Scripture

Exodus Chapter 2

Questions for discussion

1. Are there times we think of God as more like Alan Sugar than the God we can know through Jesus? How does this affect our prayers and worship?
2. Go through the chapter and discuss the meaning behind Moses' being 'drawn out' from the river and again from the well? What does this mean for us as Christians? (Maybe have a look at Romans chapter 6 for an exciting theological booster shot to the conversation!)
3. We looked at two pictures of how God relates to Moses, these are - Reuel the shepherd priest (Reuel means friend of God ... check out Psalm 23 / Hebrews 7:23-28) - And the bread that Reuel gives to strengthen Moses (check out John 6)

What do they tell us about God? How do these pictures relate to our daily life as Christians?

4. What does it look like for us as a small group to be friends to one another (like Reuel to Moses) and to share the Bread of Life (Jesus) together?