

When life gets hectic, domestic and God seems to have gone!

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Tom Shaw – 24 June 2013

Outline

At our Sunday meeting we started a new series in the book of Exodus. The main hero of this book is not Israel, or even Moses but God - more specifically Jesus. It's critical to understand the end goal of the book of Exodus even as we start. It is not just about escaping slavery but it is about being set free in our destiny as a worshipper. We may have a small view of worship but the book of Exodus leaves us in no doubt of the immensity of God's passion to have us adore his son. As we the church yearn to become more consistent and sincere worshippers, this time this book will serve us on our journey.

Two unlikely stars of this opening chapter are the two midwives. In their lives they face a moment of extraordinary pressure and yet we see them display sheer obedience, pure worship to God.

Tom covered three points in his talk:

1. The first challenge or obstacle to stop us worshipping; when life is hectic and domestic and God seems to have gone
2. There are only two possible responses when life is like this:
 - a. Become bitter through the world.
 - b. Become bold through our worship.
3. A singular solution as to how we can have a second response - revelation.

Scriptures

Exodus 1:1-17

Questions for discussion

1. Comment on any potential parallels between the life of Israel in Egypt and the modern day and age in which we live. What challenges do we face in terms of doing the right thing when feeling the pressure?
2. How do you find you normally respond when facing the pressures of life? Bitter through the world, or bold through worship/praise? Why is praise important?
3. Discuss what receiving revelation about Jesus looks like for you? What aspects of his character has God revealed recently that you can apply in your everyday life?
4. Has anyone got a testimony they can share whether they were somewhat like the midwives?

Pray for one another in light of what has been discussed. Perhaps also spend time praising God.

Tags

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