



The Road Out: Week 1

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read **Exodus 1:1-22, 2:23-25**

1. How did the new Pharaoh respond to Israel’s growth as a nation? (Exodus 1:1-22)
2. Describe the prayer of Israel and God’s response. (Exodus 2:23-25)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. *And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.* (Exodus 2:24-25)

In our culture, we don’t have a definition, context, or usage in our language to convey the depth of the phrase, “and God knew.” Theologian William Edgar describes it this way, “To be known by God is to be loved, to be in the best place you could possibly be. This is because God now bears the burden, not the people. Knowledge here means full acknowledgement and commitment to intervene.”

- What makes this concept difficult to trust?
- What experience from your life makes this easier to grasp, understand, and believe?

4. Why does God allow suffering? How does God leverage suffering for our growth and His glory?
5. What pain must you face honestly before God? If you were to cry out to God right now, what would you say?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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