

THE IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION

WELCOME

- ❖ Greet each other. Take a few minutes to get acquainted. Share your name and what you do for work.
- ❖ Get better acquainted and *hook* into the topic by answering the question: “Have you ever found yourself in a situation that, from a human standpoint, was absolutely impossible and hopeless? What happened?”

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 1:1-22 aloud by having one person read it or by having each person read a few verses. Try using a new translation. Then quickly answer the following questions:
 - ❖ What is the big problem here?
 - ❖ How did Israel get into this mess in the first place? Refer to Genesis 15:13 and Genesis 37-51.
 - ❖ Why was Pharaoh so adamant about destroying the Israelites?
 - ❖ What were his orders and what did the midwives do with his order and **why**?
 - ❖ What did God do for the midwives and for His people in this time of trouble?
 - ❖ What did Pharaoh finally do as a result of God blessing His people?
- ❖ **Look:** Why do you think the king did not know who Joseph was? (See also Exodus 12:40,41)
- ❖ Who do you think was the power behind Pharaoh that caused him to think and act this way?
- ❖ Where was God while all this was going on?
- ❖ What would have happened to Israel if Pharaoh’s command had been fully carried out?
- ❖ What do you think is a key thought or verse in this passage?
- ❖ **Took:** Where do you think God is right now in your life?

- ❖ What do you think you should do when you find yourself in an impossible situation like these people were in?
- ❖ Can you look back on your life and see how God was with you during some of your troublous times?
- ❖ Take some time and pray for each other, especially if you or someone in your group has some pressing need.

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing three or four songs about how awesome God is such as #161, “Awesome God,” #55 “He Is Able,” #179 “I Believe” and #50 “Change My Heart. O God.” (All from Maranatha Praise Book 3)
- ❖ Finish your worship time by joining hands and going around the circle and each one mentioning one thing that is awesome about God. If you like, you can use the alphabet, like “A” is for “Awesome,” “B” is for “Beautiful.”
- ❖ Conclude with short sentence prayers.

WITNESS

- ❖ This week put someone on your Blessing List (prayer list) that you would like to invite to your Ohana group.
- ❖ If and when the door opens, invite that person to come with you next week to your Ohana.

THE RISE AND FALL OF MOSES

WELCOME

- ❖ Take some time just to fellowship. Introduce anyone who is new and have a short, opening prayer.
- ❖ **Hook** into the topic by answering this question: Have you ever known of someone who seemed to go straight to the top and then suddenly came crashing down? What happened?

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 2:1-21 and quickly answer the following questions:
 - ❖ What were the circumstances under which Moses was born? (See also Exodus 1:23)
 - ❖ How was Moses saved from certain death? (See also Hebrews 11:23)
 - ❖ Who took care of Moses in his early years?
 - ❖ As Moses grew up and moved into Pharaoh's household, what did he keep doing?
 - ❖ What happened one day that caused Moses to flee for his life and how old was he at the time?
 - ❖ Where did he flee to? With whom did he live? And what did he do for the next 40 years?
- ❖ **Look:** Take a few moments longer to answer these questions:
 - ❖ What part do you think Moses' mother played in his future?
 - ❖ Why do you think she named him Moses? What does the name mean?
 - ❖ During the time he was with his mother, what do you think she might have taught him?
 - ❖ Do you think Moses might have had an inkling of what God wanted him to do and be?
 - ❖ Why would Moses blow his chances to deliver his people by doing such a stupid thing?
 - ❖ How do you think Moses felt during those forty years in the wilderness?

- ❖ **Took:** Have you ever “crashed” like Moses did? How did you feel?
- ❖ How long did it take you to get over this? How do you feel about it now?
- ❖ Have you ever felt like you were in the wilderness and God had deserted you?
- ❖ Where do you think God was in all this? And where do you think God is right now in regard to what is happening in your life?
- ❖ What can you learn from this story that you can apply to your life right now?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing several songs about how God cares for you, such as: #172 “If My People,” #50 “Fear Not,” #199 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High,” #227, “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.” (All from Maranatha Praise Book #3)
- ❖ Form a circle and invite each person to pray for the person on their right. If things are going well for that person, rejoice. If things are not going too well, pray for God’s strength for this person. Pray for this person on your right each day this coming week.

WITNESS

- ❖ Go over your Blessing List. If you know of new names, add them to the list. Commit yourself to praying for two or three of these people on the list each day.
- ❖ Don’t forget to keep praying this week that God will lead you to one person who needs to be part of this Ohana.
- ❖ Put an empty chair in the middle of the group and pray that God will fill it next week

OUT OF BONDAGE . . .

GOD GETS INVOLVED

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few minutes just to visit. Find out how things went last week.
- ❖ **Hook** into the session by answering this question: Have you ever had an experience where you know you had a direct encounter with God? God spoke to you or impressed you in some way. If so, why and how did it happen?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing two to four songs about how awesome God is such as #111 “He Is Exalted,” #193 “Jesus, Your Name,” #172 “If My People,” #148, “Holy Ground” (All from Maranatha Praise Book 3)
- ❖ In groups of no larger than four, pray to this awesome God who knows all about us and promises to take care of us. Thank Him for being that kind of a God.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 2:23- 3:22 and quickly answer these questions:
- ❖ While the children of Israel were agonizing and praying, who heard their cries? And what did He remember?
- ❖ What was the covenant promise that God made with Abraham? See Gen. 15:1-16 and 22:12-19.
- ❖ How did God get Moses’ attention? What was His message to Moses and what was Moses’ reaction to God’s plan?
- ❖ How many different reasons did Moses give to God about why he wasn’t the man for the job?
- ❖ How did God seek to reassure Moses that he was the man? And that He, God, would come through?
- ❖ **Look:** How do you think Moses felt during those 40 years in the wilderness? The first ten years? The last ten years?
- ❖ What do you think of the idea that God has a divine master plan for this world and for you?
- ❖ Why do you think Moses balked at his part in God’s plan?
- ❖ What do you think of this statement from God in verse 14: “the I AM has sent me to you”? What was God really saying to Moses and to Pharaoh through these words?
- ❖ **Took:** Where are you at with God right now? How much of His plan has He shared with you about what He wants you to do for Him? If you would like, share with the group what God has asked you to do.

(Note: When a person becomes a Christian, God immediately starts working His divine master plan for and in that person. He has something for each one of us to do. If you would like to know more about what God has in store for you, get the book, *Experiencing God* by Henry T. Blackaby.)

- ❖ What kind of relationship do you have with God right now?
 - ❑ I'm willing to go, be and do what God wants.
 - ❑ I'm willing to be made willing.
 - ❑ Right now, I'm not willing to do what God wants me to do.
 - ❑ I'm in the wilderness and not sure what God wants at all.
 - ❑ I know what God wants me to do, but I really need help.

- ❖ What am I going to do with this lesson this week in my own life?

WITNESS

- ❖ This week, continue to pray that God will lead you to someone who needs Him. When you meet this person, start praying that God will help you to know what you are to do and say.
- ❖ Pray that you will be willing to be what God wants you to be. And pray that as God shows you what He wants you to do that you will have the courage to step out and follow Him.
- ❖ Invite someone to have a closing prayer.

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few minutes just to chat. If there are any guests, take time to get acquainted and explain to them what you are studying.
- ❖ **Hook** into the topic by answering this question: Have you ever seen a miracle of any kind? If so, please share briefly.

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing several songs about the greatness and mighty power of God. #137 “King of Kings,” #212 “Majesty,” #217 “How Majestic Is Your Name,” #219 “Our God Reigns.” (All from Maranatha Praise Book 3)
- ❖ Have a short, opening prayer.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 4:1-31, then quickly answer the following questions:
 - ❖ God gave Moses plenty of assurance that He would come through for Moses, yet Moses was still reticent. What two additional excuses did Moses come up and what was God’s answer to these objections?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - ❖ When Moses finally consented to do God’s will, what was the first thing that he did?
 - ❖ What happened to Moses and his family as they started on their journey back to Egypt?
 - ❖ When he got to Egypt, what was the first thing Moses did? And what was the response of the leaders of Israel?
 - ❖ **Look:** Why would Moses continue to balk after God’s repeated display of power?
 - ❖ What do you think of God’s answers to Moses’ objections?
 - ❖ What do you think of Moses’ first steps when he finally agreed to follow God totally?
 - ❖ Is it possible to be a Christian and not follow Jesus completely? Explain your answer.

- ❖ **Took:** What are you doing with what God has revealed to you? What do you think should be the first steps you should take as you follow Jesus today and this week?

WITNESS

- ❖ If you haven't already done so, please choose prayer partners. Then start praying for each other every day.
- ❖ This week, continue praying that God will lead you to someone who needs Jesus. Also pray for yourself and your prayer partner that God will guide you as you step out and start following Him totally.
- ❖ Put an empty chair in the middle of your group and pray that God will fill it next week.

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PHARAOH STRIKES THE FIRST BLOW

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few minutes to share your journey during this past week. Introduce any guests. Welcome them and explain to them what you are studying. Have a short opening prayer.
- ❖ **Hook** into today's session by answering this question: Have you ever started doing something that you knew God wanted you to do and then run into horrible opposition? If so, what?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing some songs about God's power and awesome and His caring for us. Suggestions: #161 "Awesome God," #117 "Isn't He Wonderful?" #268 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord," #323 "You are My Refuge."
- ❖ Take a few minutes to pray together, either in groups of two or three, holding hands and going around the circle and praying for the person on your right.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 5:1-23 aloud. One good way to do this is to have each person read two to four verses. Then quickly answer the following questions:
- ❖ Moses now goes to see Pharaoh. What was his request for his people? And what was Pharaoh's instant reply?
- ❖ What did Pharaoh immediately do to back up his point?
- ❖ What was Israel's reaction to Pharaoh's unreasonable demands and what was Moses' reaction?
- ❖ **Look:** From your reading, how do you think Moses first approached Pharaoh? With what kind of an attitude?
- ❖ What do you think about Pharaoh's reaction to Moses' request?
- ❖ Why would Pharaoh challenge God anyway?
- ❖ **Took:** What can you do right now to prepare yourself for Satan's horrible attacks? (Note: This is a very important question to consider because you can bank on the fact that he will attack.)
- ❖ What are you going to do in the future when something like this happens to you?

WITNESS

- ❖ Share what is happening in your prayers for others. Has God pointed you to people? What is taking place?
- ❖ Continue adding names to your Blessing List (Prayer List) with names you would like others to pray for.

- ❖ If there is anyone in your Ohana group who is going through a trying experience, put that person on your prayer list and pray for that individual every day. If possible, call them up at least one time during the week and pray with them.
- ❖ As you close, again put the empty chair in the middle of the group and pray that God will fill the chair this coming week.

OUT OF BONDAGE . . .

GOD MAKES HIS FIRST MOVE

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few moments to share how this past week went for you. If there is anyone new in your group, use the **FORT** formula to get acquainted. Ask questions about their **F**amily, **O**ccupation, **R**eligious background. Share your personal **T**estimony. (You do not need to cover all these 4 points at one time)
- ❖ **Hook** into the topic by answering this question: Have you ever found yourself in a problem you did not know how to handle and then, suddenly, unexpectedly God stepped in and solved it?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing some songs about the awesomeness of God. Here are some suggestions: #55 “He is Able,” #212 “Majesty,” #108 “His Name Is Wonderful,” #47 “Jesus, Name Above All Names.”
- ❖ Form into groups of two or three and pray for each other.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 6:1-13, 26-30 and Exodus 7:1-13. A neat way to do this is to have each person read four to six verses aloud. Then quickly answer the following questions:
 - ❖ What did God say to Moses to build up his spiritual courage?
 - ❖ What were God’s instructions to Moses? And what did Moses do about what he was instructed to do?
 - ❖ How old were Moses and his brother when all this happened?
 - ❖ What happened when Moses again confronted Pharaoh, this time with God’s power?
 - ❖ **Look:** What do you think of God’s way of handling Moses’ discouragement?
 - ❖ What did God really do here and why?
 - ❖ Why would the author, Moses, stop the story here and go over his genealogy?
 - ❖ If God knew exactly what would be Pharaoh’s reaction, why didn’t God get right down to business and dump the whole load on him? Why did He take so much time?
 - ❖ What do you think of how God met Satan and his power head-on?
 - ❖ **Took:** How would you apply what happened to Moses to your life?
 - ❖ What are you going to do with what God asks you to do?
 - ❖ What is the best way for us to overcome depression?

WITNESS

- ❖ Go over your Blessing List. If you've met someone this week that needs special prayer, add their name to the list.
- ❖ Remember to pray that God will lead you to someone who needs you this next week.
- ❖ This next week, try to take some extra time and spend it with the Lord. Try taking one whole hour with Jesus
- ❖ Again, put an empty chair in the middle of your group and pray that God will fill that chair.

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GOD POURS IT ON

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few moments to share what happened during the last week. If you had a chance to share Jesus with someone, please share that.
- ❖ Greet any new guests. If necessary, explain what you are studying in the group.
- ❖ Have a short, opening prayer.
- ❖ *Hook* into the session topic by answering the following question: Have you ever seen or heard of a time when God seemingly poured out His wrath on something or someone that was very wicked?

WORD

- ❖ Quickly read Exodus 7:14 to 9:1 aloud and answer the following questions:
- ❖ What were the first four plagues that God poured out on Egypt?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- ❖ What was Pharaoh's reaction to each one of these plagues? And what was Moses' reaction to Pharaoh's reaction?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- ❖ **Look:** Why do you think God poured out these particular plagues on Pharaoh and his people?
- ❖ What do you think was God's ultimate purpose in all this?
- ❖ Can you detect that there might be an order to these plagues?
- ❖ Why would Pharaoh continue to harden his heart in the face of God's wrath?

Note: According to the Bible, just before Jesus comes the second time to deliver His people, there is going to be another outpouring of His wrath in the outpouring of the seven last plagues. Revelation 16.
- ❖ Take a few moments to compare the plagues of Revelation 16 with the ones God poured out on Egypt. Do you see any similarities?
- ❖ **Took:** When the seven last plagues are poured out in the end of time, whose side are you determined to be on?
- ❖ What can you do right now to make sure that you and your family are on the right side?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing three to four songs about God's power, such as #212 "Majesty," #55 "He Is Able," #268 "The Battle Belongs To The Lord," #238 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me." (All from Maranatha Praise book 3)

WITNESS

- ❖ Take some time and pray for each other. Pray for any problem you might be facing. Pray for your families and your personal spirituality. Pray to stay true to God, no matter what.
Note: you might want to do this in groups of two or three.
- ❖ At the close of the prayer season, gather around an empty chair and have someone pray that God will fill it this next week.

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GOD POURS IT ON – part 2

WELCOME

- ❖ Take some time to share how your week went. Have a short opening prayer.

- ❖ **Hook** into today's session by answering this question: Have you ever met someone whose heart was so hardened that no matter what God did or said, they wouldn't listen or turn from their evil ways?

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 9 and 10 quickly. Note: It might be wise to have one person read chapter 9 and another person to read chapter 10. Now, quickly answer these questions:
 - ❖ What were the next five plagues that God allowed to be poured out on the Egyptians?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - ❖ What was Pharaoh's basic reaction to each of these horrible plagues?
 - ❖ How did Moses handle Pharaoh's reactions?
 - ❖ Describe what happened to the economy of Egypt as a result of these plagues?
 - ❖ **Look:** Re-read Exodus 9:14-16 and discuss:
 - ❖ Why would God go through this long horrible process to deliver His people from bondage?
 - ❖ How would you interpret this statement "so the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart once more and He would never let them go"? Exodus 10:27 (New Living Bible) Does God harden people's hearts?
 - ❖ Why would someone persist in doing evil even when that person knows that what they are doing will bring ruin upon them, their family and perhaps even their neighborhood?
 - ❖ Is God's wrath irreversible once it starts being poured out? For more information, see Revelation 16:9
 - ❖ **Took:** How does what happened in the book of Exodus fit in our world today?
 - ❖ In light of this story, what must I do to be ready for the time of God's wrath at the end of time (the seven last plagues)?

WITNESS

- ❖ In light of what is soon going to happen to our earth, discuss what we can do to help those around us make the right decisions. Is there something we could do to help open the eyes of more people?

WORSHIP

- ❖ As you bring this Ohana to a close, take a few minutes and sing some songs about your love for Jesus and your desire to do His will. Suggestions: #21 “I Love You, Lord.” #27 “I Will Rejoice,” #35 “We Have Come To Praise You,” #47 “Jesus, Name Above All Names.” (All from Maranatha Praise book 3)
- ❖ Form into groups of two or three and pray for each person in your group. Pray for families, spouses, children, work, neighborhoods and the country. Pray that God will show you how you can share the love of Jesus to this lost world. And remember to pray that God will guide you to someone who needs to become part of your Ohana next week.
- ❖ Don't forget to pray that God will fill the empty chair.
- ❖ God bless you!

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GOD'S PEOPLE DELIVERED

WELCOME

- ❖ How did it go this week? If you feel like it, share your down times as well as your up times. If there is someone new to the group, make sure they understand what Ohana is about.
- ❖ Have a short, opening prayer.
- ❖ If there are more than eight in the group, form into smaller groups of three or four then **hook** into today's session by sharing your deliverance story of how you became a Christian. (Keep your stories short – no more than 1 to 5 minutes)

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 11 through 12:37. Try reading it in a modern translation. Note: Because there are so many verses, you may want to have only two people read these verses. Then quickly answer the following questions:
 - ❖ After these first nine plagues, with no movement from Pharaoh, what does God now tell Moses?
 - ❖ What does Moses do with this information?
 - ❖ What kind of instructions does God now give to Moses for His people in regard to the sacrifice, the food and the timing?
 - ❖ What happened to each of the following when God poured out His final plague?
Egypt:
Pharaoh:
Israel:
 - ❖ How many left Egypt?
 - ❖ How many years had the Israelites been in Egypt?
 - ❖ **Look:** Why do you think God had to keep going over His plan with Moses?
 - ❖ Discuss what you think was the meaning of the blood on the doorpost?
 - ❖ What do you think is the significance of the timing?
 - ❖ When was the close of probation for the Egyptians?
 - ❖ **Took:** Are you ready for the end-time when the seven last plagues will be poured out on this world?
 - ❖ How can you make sure that you always have the blood of the Lamb over your doorpost?

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing three to four songs about God's power and awesomeness such as #212, "Majesty," #127 "The Lord Reigns," #145 "Great Are Your Works," #148 "Holy Ground." (All from Maranatha Praise book 3)
- ❖ Take a few minutes to review the Blessing List (prayer list), then form a circle and invite three or four in the group to give praises to God and pray for one or two names on the Blessing List.

WITNESS

- ❖ This week, pray that God will continue to give you the opportunity to share how God has delivered you from bondage.
- ❖ Pray for your prayer partner to have the same opportunity.
- ❖ As you have a closing prayer, don't forget to put out an empty chair and pray that God will fill it.

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IT'S THE WRONG WAY, LORD!

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few minutes to greet each other and share how your week went.
- ❖ If you had a chance to share your “escape from bondage story” during the week, be sure to share what happened.
- ❖ **Hook** into the session topic by answering this question, “Have you ever found yourself going the wrong direction, either on a trip or in some life experience? What did you do about it?”
- ❖ Invite someone to have an opening prayer.

WORSHIP

- ❖ Sing three to four songs about how God is trustworthy and you can bank on His word and His leadership. Suggestions: #238 “O, How He Loves You And Me,” #250 “Micah 6:8,” #55 “He Is Able,” #242 “Sing Unto The Lord.” (All from Maranatha Praise book 3)
- ❖ Go around the circle with each person offering a short praise to God. You could use the alphabet for this: “A” = “Awesome,” etc.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 13 aloud. Have each person read two or three verses. Try reading the entire chapter from one translation, then quickly answer these questions:
 - ❖ Who did God say was to be dedicated to Him and why?
 - ❖ What time of the year were the Israelites delivered?
 - ❖ How were they to celebrate this special event and why?
 - ❖ What were they supposed to share with their children?
 - ❖ By what means did God guide them and which way did He take them and why?
- ❖ **Look:** Why would God want them to make such a big deal over the Passover?
- ❖ **Took:** In your own experience, have you made a big deal over your deliverance from bondage?
- ❖ **Look:** What do you think is the significance of having the firstborn dedicated to God?
- ❖ **Took:** How much of your first fruits have you dedicated to God?
- ❖ **Look:** Since God has all the power, why would He seemingly lead His people the wrong direction?
- ❖ **Took:** Have you ever felt that God was leading you the wrong way? If so, do you have any idea why?

WITNESS

- ❖ If you wish, do some brainstorming on how you might be able to help each other and those among your family, friends and work associates to escape the bondage of sin.
- ❖ Here is another important question to discuss: What can we do as individuals or as a group to help those around us and ourselves to overcome sin in our lives?
- ❖ After your discussion, go around the circle and pray for the person on your left.
- ❖ Don't forget the empty chair.

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THE RED SEA EXPERIENCE

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few minutes and share with each other how your week went. Welcome any new guests.
- ❖ **Hook** into this week's topic by answering this question: Have you ever had the experience where you came to the end of your rope and you didn't know what to do, then all of a sudden a door was opened up so you were able to get out of that impossible situation?

WORSHIP

- ❖ After you have shared your experiences, sing a few songs about the mighty power of God. #212 "Majesty", #249 "Victory Chant", #268 "The Battle Belongs To The Lord," #309 "You Are The Strength of My Life." (All from Maranatha Praise book 3)
- ❖ Take some time to pray, by forming into small groups of two to four people each. Find out if there are any pressing needs, then pray for these needs.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Read Exodus 14 to 15:21. Try reading this passage by **paragraphs or sections**; i.e., verses 1-4, 5-14, 15-31, etc. Then quickly answer the following questions:
- ❖ What instruction did God now give Moses and why?
- ❖ When Pharaoh heard the news that Israel was floundering around in the wilderness, what did he do and why?
- ❖ How did Israel react to Pharaoh's plan of attack? And what did Moses say to the people to calm their nerves?
- ❖ How did God miraculously deliver His people?
- ❖ What finally happened to Pharaoh and the Egyptian army?
- ❖ What did Israel do to express their thankfulness to God for what He had done for them?
- ❖ **Look:** Why would God put His people through an experience like this? List two or three things you can think of:
- ❖ How direct and specific was God in His commands to His people? Are they always that direct and specific?
- ❖ Re-read their song, then share what you think is the main point of this song. What other things do you see in this song?

- ❖ How would Miriam's style of music compare with the music in your church?
- ❖ **Took:** Think about this: What are you as an individual and as a group going to do the next time you find yourself in an impossible situation? (Note: This is a very important question to consider.)
- ❖ How would you tell your story of deliverance? If you don't have an experience of deliverance, would you like to have one? (Here is a good suggestion: Try writing out your story of deliverance.)
- ❖ What kind of a song do you think you could write or sing about your deliverance from bondage?
- ❖ (If there are any song-writers in your Ohana group, why not compose a song based on the experience of your group with God)

WITNESS

- ❖ Go over your Blessing List. There might be names you need to add.
- ❖ Since this is the last session in this series, discuss what you would like to do next.
- ❖ Close by forming small groups of two to three persons each and pray for the names on the Blessing List and pray for each other. Also include in your prayer the request that God will give you the opportunity to share Jesus with someone this week.

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A WRAP-UP AND REVIEW OF THE EXODUS OF ISRAEL

WELCOME

- ❖ Take a few moments and share a bit about how last week went.

- ❖ Then *hook* into the topic by discussing this question: “What is one thing that you got out of these last eleven weeks that has helped you more than anything else?”

WORSHIP

- ❖ Take a few moments and sing some of your favorite praise songs to God. Have the group make the selections from their favorites.
- ❖ Close this time of worship with silent prayer.

WORD

- ❖ **Book:** Quickly read the following verses and answer the questions:
- ❖ **Exodus 2:23,24** Where was God when His people were in bondage?
- ❖ Why did it take God so long to answer their prayer?
- ❖ **Exodus 3:7-10** Why do you think God called Moses to do the job of delivering His people?
- ❖ What are the qualifications of being called by God for His work?
- ❖ Does age make any difference?
- ❖ **Exodus 4:2-9** How do you think you would feel if someone came to you and said they had been sent by God to deliver you from bondage?
- ❖ **Exodus 6:1-8** At this point in time, how do you think the Israelites might have felt about God?
- ❖ What was God’s reaction to all this?
- ❖ **Exodus 7:14-21** Quickly note what these plagues were.

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- ❖ What do you think was God’s ultimate purpose in this long, horrible, drawn-out process of delivering His people from bondage?
- ❖ In the face of all these horrible things happening, why do you think Pharaoh kept resisting God and His will?

- ❖ **Exodus 12:29-33** Try to imagine what it might have been like on the night that Israel was delivered from Egypt. How would you have felt? How do you think the Egyptians must have felt?
- ❖ Do a little comparison between what happened in the book of Exodus and what is going to happen at the end of time.
- ❖ **Took:** What steps have you already taken to be on the right side when Jesus comes to deliver us from the forces of evil?
- ❖ What steps do you think you must **continue** to take in order to stay on God's side?
- ❖ Take some time and pray for each other. Pray for each other's successes and challenges.

WITNESS

- ❖ Take a few minutes to decide what series you would like to do next.
- ❖ Talk about who you would like to invite to come with you to this new series.
- ❖ Pray for these people. Pray that God will give you the right words and actions and the wisdom to know when you should approach these friends of yours.

GOD BLESS YOU!