

**SUNDAY+**

OUT OF EGYPT; EGYPT OUT OF YOU

EXODUS 1 & 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Relevant Pregnancy Options Fundraiser - Want to join Team Mosaic? Relevant is hosting a 5k Run/2M walk on Saturday, September 12, and we'd love to have you with us! Superhero costumes are encouraged! Your support helps Relevant continue providing their services free of charge to men, women, and families. You can click the link below to sign up and join Team Mosaic!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's the biggest thing you're looking forward to this fall?

Have you ever recognized God's work in a situation only after looking back on it?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Exodus 1 & 2 as a group. Notice the words and phrases David uses to describe God.

1) Pharaoh attempted to weaken and destroy the Israelites, but his plans could not stop God from fulfilling His promise. How did this concept play out in this passage? How have you seen it play out in your own life?

2) Read Exodus 2:24-25 again. Do you find any comfort in those verses? How does this passage speak to your current circumstances?

3) Israel's slavery gives us a picture of the bondage caused by sin. Something that begins as attractive or satisfying can eventually become controlling, monotonous, and destructive. Do you find any comfort in those verses? How does this passage speak to your current circumstances?

4) We often view "the bad things" as sin, but don't recognize the bondage that can be caused by doing good things. How can you distinguish between enjoying something good and becoming enslaved to it?

5) Some forms of bondage are not caused by our own choices. Abuse, betrayal, neglect, and other wounds can leave people carrying pain they never asked for. Have you experienced this personally? How can a group like ours support someone who is healing from something like this?

6) What is the difference between forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, and accountability?

7) Moses delivered Israel from Egypt, gave God's law to the people, established the sacrificial system, and interceded for Israel. Each of these roles points forward to Jesus. Which parallel between Moses and Jesus is most meaningful to you?

8) N.T. Wright said: "There are two liberation journeys in Exodus. The first is to get Israel out of slavery and the second is to get slavery out of Israel." What does this mean? How does it apply to us?

9) Where might you be spiritually "camped outside Egypt"...no longer where you were, but not fully following where God is leading? How can we help one another when we find ourselves in that situation?

10) What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification? The most-important question you will ever consider: "Have I been justified through Jesus' atoning work on the cross... have I truly accept, believed and received that for myself?"

ACTION STEP

Choose one area in which you need to experience God's freedom or trust His providence. This week: Name that area honestly before God. Spend time reading Exodus 1-2. Pray specifically for rescue, redemption, or restoration. Share your next step with a trusted follower of Jesus. Look for one way God may already be working behind the scenes.

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...