



## Life Group Study Exodus Chapters 1-18

The word “Exodus” means “going out” or “exit.” This book tells us the story of how God’s people exited the land of Egypt. If you remember, Genesis ends with Jacob and all of his family joining Joseph in Egypt. Exodus 1 catches us up to speed by describing the tremendous multiplication of the Israelites, which intimidated the new Pharaoh. In an effort to subdue this great people group, the new Pharaoh subjected them to slave labor and tried to put all newborn males to death. God had different plans for His people. It is in this context that Moses was born.

### **Read Exodus 2.**

What are some events in this story that demonstrate God’s faithfulness to Moses?

Do you think Moses’ mother ever imagined just how big God’s plan was for her son?

What did Moses do wrong in this chapter?

It seems like Moses was trying to protect his own people from the brutality of slavery, the very thing that God was going to use Moses to do in the future. In light of that, why is Moses action still wrong?

What are some ways that we sometimes try to hijack God’s plan for our lives and do things our own way? What are some examples in life where we try to do the right thing with the wrong method and at the wrong time? What consequences do we face when that happens?

**Read Exodus 3:1-4:17**

What are all of the excuses that Moses gives God for why he can't do what he is being called by God to do?

How does God respond to each of these objections?

How does all of this get resolved?

It seemed like Moses was eager to free his people forty years earlier. What do you think changed to make him so afraid to obey God in this way?

How do we tend to doubt God's ability to use us and, as a result, resist His work in us and through us?

**Read Exodus 5:22-6:12 and Exodus 12:12**

How many times does God say "I am the Lord" or something similar? Why do you think He keeps repeating this statement?

God wanted to accomplish two things through the plagues and Exodus. What do you think they were? (The freeing of His people and demonstrating His superiority over the false gods of Egypt to both the Israelites and the Egyptians)

How has God revealed who He is to you and others through your life? How can God reveal Himself through your words and actions on a daily basis?