

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 24, 2014

Passage: Exodus

Memory Passage: Exodus 20:1-2, and the order of the 10 Commandments that follow in vs. 3-17.

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Ex. 1-6.** Are the people of Israel being obedient or disobedient while they are in Egypt and how do you know (1:7)?
- (b) Why does the new king over Egypt have problems with the Israelites, and what does he do in response?
- (c) How did God defeat the plans of the spiritual seed of the serpent (i.e. to destroy every Hebrew newborn son), in what ways does it resemble the way God defeated the same seed in Genesis 6-9, and why does He act (cf. 2:23-25)?
- (d) What do you learn about both Moses and God in chapters 3, 4, & 6? What do you learn about God's plans for Pharaoh & the Israelites?
- (e) From what you know of Moses so far, in what ways are you like Moses? In what ways are you different from Moses?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Ex. 7-14.** Pharaoh's hard heart is mentioned 19 times (4:21: 7:3, 13, 14,, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 34, 35; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 5, 8). Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? Who is responsible for Pharaoh's sin?
- (b) What is one way that God is preparing Israel to be holy, separated from other nations (cf. 8:23; 9:4-6; 8:26; 11:7, 26-27)?
- (c) What 2 main factors consistently motivate God to act (cf. 7:3-5, 8:10 et. al for one reason, & 2:24, 6:8 et. al for another)?
- (d) In what ways are you tempted to act like Pharaoh, and how do you apply the gospel to resist these temptations in ways that Pharaoh did not?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Ex. 15-20.** What problems does Israel face in chapters 16-18 and how do they respond (notice the repetition of Israel "grumbling" and "quarrelling")?
- (b) What covenant is God commanding His people to obey in 19:5, how do you know, and how do the people respond?
- (c) Why did the people need to be consecrated (19:10) and have Moses "set limits" for them (v. 12ff)?
- (d) Why were the people so fearful of their God, and why could they no longer stand to hear His voice?
- (e) Imagine yourself being present at the events of chapter 19. What would the days of consecration have been like? Imagine and describe the excitement and anticipation of preparing to meet and listen to God. Should these emotions mark you daily now?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Ex. 32.** In chapters 21-24 we find God giving commands on various subjects, including the conquest of Canaan, and then confirming the covenant with Moses and the people. Then in chapters 25-31 Moses ascends the mountain for 40 days and nights to meet with God and he receives instructions concerning the tabernacle and the priests. Chapter 32 describes what was going on at the base of the mountain during this time and Moses' descent after the 40 days and nights.
- (b) Why did the people participate in such a grievous sin, and what did they accomplish by it with regard to the covenant?
- (c) Given its judgment (vs. 9-10, 20, 27-28, 35, 33:1-6) how would you describe the severity of what the people have done?
- (d) How does this inform you concerning the severity of your sin and the cost Jesus paid to atone for it?
- (e) To what did Moses appeal in his intercession for the people (vs. 11-13)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 33-34, 40:34-38.** Why does God find favor with Moses, and why does Moses ask to see God's glory?
- (b) What do you learn about God through His revelation of His glory/name/goodness (see 33:18-19) in 34:6-7?
- (c) How do God's claims about His own character reflect the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants?

(d) After God reissues the tablets and renews the covenant (chapter 34) and the people obey God by giving toward and building the tabernacle, its furnishings, and the priest's garments (chapters 35-40), how does God bless them (40:34-38)?

(e) What have you learned about God's character from Exodus? What have you learned about the work of the spiritual seed of the serpent? What have you learned about God's provision to protect the children of Abraham, especially his spiritual seed?

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