

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

I Am the Lord Your God

EXODUS 5-6; 7:1-7

OVERVIEW

God's chosen people are in Egypt. Not only that, they are enslaved. Against the backdrop of God's promises in Genesis—that God's people would be in God's place—the current situation seems dire. Has the Lord forgotten his promises? The story of Exodus reveals God's faithfulness in redeeming his people from bondage into his presence. The way out? Not by human might. By faith in God's promise to deliver through a blood sacrifice. The Lord does all of this so that all people might know he is the Lord and his people might rightly fear him, worshipping him in all things. The Greek title for the book (or shall we say, this chapter of the Pentateuch) is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit, departure or going out."

APPLY // EXODUS 4

Main Idea: In his purposeful sovereignty, the Lord graciously and mercifully uses imperfect people to carry out his perfect will.

1. Read Exodus 4.
2. What does it say of the Lord that he responds to all of Moses's concerns in the manner that he does? How does this shape your view of the Lord in your own hesitations?
3. What are the ways we are like Moses in wishing away the aspect of our mission to make disciples because of some perceived deficiency? How can this passage equip us towards more courage in that work in light of Christ's good command to make disciples (Matthew 28.18-20)?
4. Looking at Exodus 4.31, how does this passage inform our response to the Lord's mercy to, first, provide Christ to atone for our sin, and second, to see/hear/know our struggles?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // EXODUS 6-7; 7:1-7

Main Idea: The Lord's ways are not our ways, and he delivers his people in an unexpected way.

1. Read Exodus 5.
2. How does the Lord refer to Israel in verse 1? What does this tell us about the Lord?
3. For what purpose does the Lord want his people delivered from slavery?
4. In verse 2, how does Pharaoh respond to Moses and Aaron? What does this tell us about Pharaoh?
5. How does Pharaoh begin to treat Israel? Why? In verse 9, what does he accuse the people of? What does this tell you about his view of the Lord?
6. How does Israel refer to herself in verses 15-16? Contrast this what with the Lord says about them in verse 1. Why is there a difference?

7. In verses 20-21, how do the people of Israel respond? How does this compare to 4:31? Why the change from belief/worship to complaining?
8. How does Moses respond to the Lord? What does this tell us about him?
9. Read Exodus 6.
10. In verses 1-8, identify all the actions the Lord says he will take. Why is he doing this? What does this tell us about who the Lord is?
11. How does Israel respond in verse 9? Why?
12. In verses 10-13, how does Moses react? The Lord? What does this tell us about the Lord?
13. In verses 14-30, you have a genealogy of sorts for Moses and Aaron. Knowing all Scripture is profitable and the author has in intent of placing this here, what do you think that authorial intent is?
14. Read Exodus 7:1-7.
15. Verses 1-7 essentially retells what we know so far? Why do you think we are given this reminder at this point in the narrative?
16. Discuss ways these chapters require, prepare us for and point us to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Follow up from the previous week(s).