



EXODUS 2:1-10

GETTING STARTED...

The Bible is full of stories where things just happened to work out right. The birth, and adoption, of Moses is one of those stories. There are plenty of times where things should have gone wrong, and yet they don't. What we are seeing in those moments is not random chance, but the hand of God directing all things. When Moses was born, God had a plan and God used a mother, a river, and a princess to put Moses in exactly the right spot. God is going to use Moses to deliver his people out of slavery and bring them into a promised land. In the birth and adoption of Moses we see a picture of God's compassion on his people and the way in which he will deliver them. Ultimately Moses shows us a picture of what will happen when Jesus is born. Not just his miraculous birth, but his miraculous salvation that he brings at the cross.

READ THE TEXT: EXODUS 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Verse 6 is the first time the word “pity” is used in the Bible. The same word is used in Joel 2:18-19 and Malachi 3:17 (translated as “spare”), how does this first act of compassion show us a small picture of God's compassion for us? (also see Romans 8:32 for the same word “spare”)
2. Point out all the moments in this story where things worked out exactly the way they needed to. What does this tell us about God's sovereignty?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. How do we put this into practice?

Agassiz/Lake Errock How does knowing Jesus came to save you fully, and that he provided the perfect and complete payment for your sin, spur you on to live for his glory, and to share Christ with others?

Chilliwack Consider all of the “ordinary people” involved in the births of Moses and Jesus. God used their faithfulness in order to save a multitude. In what ways does the fact that God continues to write His story of salvation using “ordinary people” like us challenge and encourage you? How does the exodus foreshadow New Testament baptism? Discuss baptism in your own lives.

Harrison How have you experienced God's rescue in your life? Describe a time when God protected you from physical harm. Describe a time when God brought freedom from sin in a particular area of your life. Are there any areas in which Christ might be longing to bring freedom from sin in your life today?

Promontory Have you ever wondered if your prayers actually accomplish anything, or if they are even heard? Can you tell of a time when you felt that way? How did you deal with this? What truths can we learn from Moses' story about how God answers our prayers?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer?
An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Central Life Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Life Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Life Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

While the meaning of a text doesn't change, the way that we are called to apply it may look different from campus to campus, and even person to person. To reflect this distinction, you will see application questions from each campus in this guide.

Start with the question(s) from your campus and then look at others to see if they are helpful for your group. You may be surprised how similar or different they end up being and how the diversity brings a fuller understanding to how we can apply the Word of God.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - Psalm 111:2*