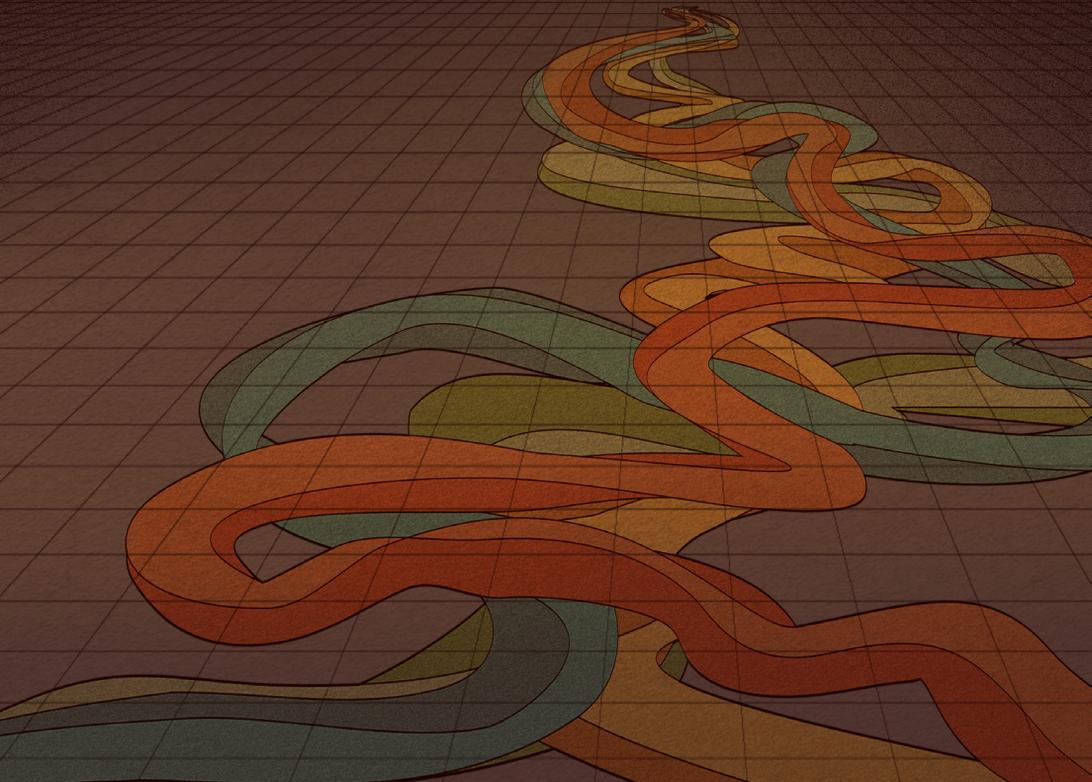




# EXODUS



## INTRO

We're so glad you're joining us as we study the book of Exodus. Our hope is that this journal will help you see God's plans and character woven throughout the text.

Each week:

**Read & Reflect:** Before the Sunday message, read the Scriptures in your own Bible or Bible app and reflect on the passage.

**Message:** During the Sunday message, use the space provided to take notes.

**Discuss:** After the Sunday message, use the discussion questions to keep the conversation going with your community group, a friend, or anyone else walking through the study.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, expect God to meet you and transform you as you study His word.

## OVERVIEW

Exodus is the second book of the Bible and part of the primary history section of Scripture. The book opens with God's people living as an oppressed minority in Egypt. The Egyptians fear the Israelites and are actively working toward their destruction. But God responds to this oppression by raising up Moses to deliver His people from Egypt.

After sending plagues on Egypt and instituting the Passover, God's people leave Egypt and travel through the desert. Eventually, they arrive at Mount Sinai, where God establishes a covenant with them. The rest of the book contains instructions for the Tabernacle, God's dwelling place among His people, and a heartbreaking episode of continued idolatry. Even then, God continues His presence with the people and writes the commandments on new stone tablets.

### *What to Look For*

As you read and reflect, watch for these themes we'll explore throughout the series:

- The salvation of God's people
- God's love for and commitment to His people
- God's name and character
- The failure of God's people

MESSAGE *God's People in a Dangerous World*

God's People in a Dangerous World

Read EXODUS 1

REFLECT

• What comes to mind when you think about the book of Exodus?

• What does this passage tell you about Pharaoh?

God's people? (The Israelites and the midwives)

God?

• Why do you think this passage mentions multiple times that the Israelites are increasing in number? (Read Genesis 1:26-31 and Genesis 15:1-4)

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DISCUSS

• Read verse 20. Where do you see God's kindness showing up in an unexpected way?

• As you think about your own life, where have you experienced God's kindness?

• How does it feel to read about the darkness of our world in this passage?

# 2

## The Story of Moses

### Read EXODUS 2

#### MESSAGE *The Story of Moses*

#### REFLECT

• Who are the main “characters” in this passage?

2 • In verse 22, Moses says, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.”  
22 Why do you think he feels that way?

• God isn’t mentioned until verse 23. Where do you see Him at work earlier in the passage?

#### DISCUSS

• Why might God want Moses to feel like he doesn’t belong?

• Are there times in your life when following God makes you feel like you don’t belong?

• When you are going through times of suffering, what are some ways you can call on God and others for support?

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## The Call of Moses

*Read* EXODUS 3:1-4:17

### REFLECT

• What are Moses's objections to God's plan?

• What do these chapters reveal to us about God's character?

• What does this interaction tell us about how God relates to His people?

### MESSAGE *The Call of Moses*

### DISCUSS

• Is there anything you sense God may be calling you to right now?

• If so, are there any ways you might be resisting?

MESSAGE *Disappointment with God*

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Disappointment  
with God

*Read* EXODUS 4:27-5:23

REFLECT

4 • In 4:27-31, how do the Israelites react when they hear God's plan?

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• How does Pharaoh react to hearing God's plan?

5 • How does Moses react after meeting resistance from Pharaoh? (See

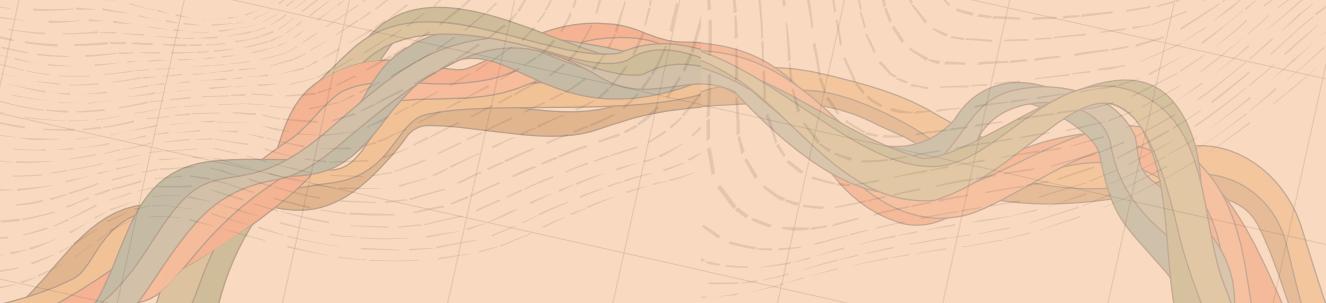
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• What's an area of your life where you're navigating disappointment with God right now?

• Can you relate to Moses and God's people crying out in disappointment? What can we learn from their honesty with God?



MESSAGE *The Meaning of God's Name*

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The Meaning  
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*Read* EXODUS 6 - 11

REFLECT

6 • What is revealed about God in 6:1-8?

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• What do you think God meant when He said that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob didn't know Him as Yahweh?

• What message is God sending the Egyptians through these plagues?

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• Why do you think God wants His wonders to be multiplied in Egypt?

• How might God's power on display ultimately draw people toward Him?

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## Salvation and the Lord's Supper

Read EXODUS 12

### MESSAGE *Salvation and the Lord's Supper*

### REFLECT

1COR • What's the significance of the blood of the lambs on the doorframe?  
5 (See also 1 Corinthians 5:6-8)

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• Why does God bring the Israelites out of Egypt instead of just destroying the Egyptians?

• God instructs them to commemorate this event with a festival, so they'll remember. What are some ways you remember God's faithfulness in your life?

### DISCUSS

• Why do you think remembering is such an important practice in our walk with God?

• How can we encourage one another to remember God's goodness in every situation?

• How does this passage help you understand salvation?

MESSAGE *Salvation and Baptism*

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Salvation  
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Read EXODUS 13 - 15

REFLECT

- 14 • In 14:11-12, the Israelites have already forgotten all that God had done  
11 for them. In what ways can you relate to the struggle of forgetfulness in  
12 your own walk with God?

- 1COR 10 • What does this passage about God's deliverance tell us about our own  
10 deliverance and baptism? (See also 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 and Romans  
1 6:3-4)  
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- ROM 6 • The Israelites respond in song. How do you respond to God's actions in  
6 your life?  
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DISCUSS

- What's the role of community in the practice of remembering?
- How does coming to church on Sunday help us to live this out?
- What is the importance of baptism?

MESSAGE *Covenant: God and His People*



Covenant: God  
and His People

*Read* EXODUS 19

REFLECT

19 • Read 19:4-6. What do these verses tell us about God's relationship with  
4 • His people?  
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• What does this passage tell us about God's covenant?

• Why does God tell the people they need to prepare themselves?

• What do you think it means to be a kingdom of priests?

DISCUSS

• Why do you think God's people are to be set apart as holy?

• What does this look like in our lives today?

• How do you feel about being God's treasured possession?

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Living Together  
as God's People

PART I

Read EXODUS 20 - 24

MESSAGE *Living Together as God's People I*

Lined writing area for the message section.

REFLECT

- What thoughts and feelings come up for you when you think about the Ten Commandments?
- What kind of relationship is God establishing with the Israelites?
- Why do you think God doesn't want images or icons?
- What do you think about the explanation God gives about sabbath?

DISCUSS

- In what ways are the Ten Commandments more than just a list of rules? How are they part of a loving relationship with God?
- When people say the Ten Commandments should be part of the non-religious world, do you think that's how God meant for them to be used?



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PART II

*Re-read* EXODUS 20 - 24

MESSAGE *Living Together as God's People II*

REFLECT

22 • How do you see the first five commands show up as principles in chapters

24 22-24?

• How do commands 6-10 protect people?

24 • In chapter 24, we see God's desire to meet with His people. What are some ways you have met God or felt His presence in your life?

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• How do you think God's commands to the church protect people today?

• Are there boundaries or restrictions in your life that actually give you more freedom?

## MESSAGE *God With Us: The Tabernacle*



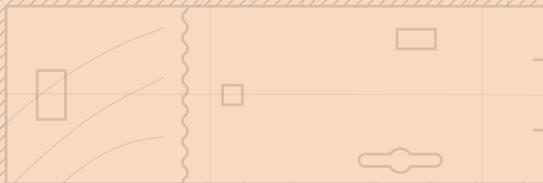
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The Tabernacle

*Read* EXODUS 25 - 31, 35 - 40

### REFLECT

• What do these passages tell us about God's desire to dwell with His people?

• What does the design of the Tabernacle tell us about the challenges of God dwelling with His people?



• How do the Israelites respond to God's instructions?

### DISCUSS

• How does it make you feel to know that God desires to be with you?

• What challenges do you experience in dwelling with God?

• Are there ways we can increase our own desire to be with God?

MESSAGE *The Failure of God's People*

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The Failure  
Of God's People

Read EXODUS 32

REFLECT

• Why do the Israelites go back to idol worship?

• How is forgetfulness showing up again in the story of God's people?

DISCUSS

• Can you relate to the Israelites in their forgetfulness?

• Remembering is an opportunity to receive God's grace again. In what ways might you need to remember God's grace today?

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God and  
His People  
Face to Face

MESSAGE *God and His People Face to Face*

*Read* EXODUS 33-34

## REFLECT

- What do you think is the significance of God revealing Himself and His name to Moses in this passage?

## DISCUSS

- What steps can we take to balance talking to God and waiting to hear from Him?

- 34 • Moses and God have a back-and-forth conversation. Verse 34:34 says  
34 “whenever he entered the LORD’s presence” implying that Moses met with Him multiple times. What does this model for us about how we can approach God?

- God’s self-revelation is a mysterious fusion of love and justice. How do those things combine? How do you see God working that out in his interactions with people?

- Do you desire a face-to-face relationship with God?



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