

EXODUS

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

The Bible isn't just a book we read, it's the Word of God that transforms our lives.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV
Exodus 3:7-10 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see that the Bible isn't as intimidating as it may seem. It's actually the Word of God given to us to help transform our lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, most likely your students are in various places in their comfortability and practice of reading their Bibles on their own. To some, this may be familiar while for others that is a super intimidating thought. Our goal through this series is to give all students practical tools to study their Bible. In addition, your encouragement in guiding your group through reading and studying Exodus together can be a gamechanger for many of your students. Encourage your group to follow the tools to read and study Exodus together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- What are some things you already know about the book of Exodus?
- Honest time, are you more excited or intimidated at the thought of reading the Bible on your own or outside church? How come? (No answer is wrong here, this is a place to be real).

THE WORD

- READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In your own words, what is this verse saying?
- How can every verse in the Bible be of benefit to us?
- What do you do when you come across harder Bible verses to understand?
- READ Exodus 3:7-10. In your own words, what is going on here?
- What does this show us about God's heart for His people?

APPLICATION

- DO: Pass out Exodus Reading + Studying Plan.
- Studying and reading our Bible on our own is an amazing way to grow in our relationship with Jesus. As a small group, how can we encourage each other to read and study Exodus outside of small group time? *(Really spend some time on this question, brainstorm texting each other encouragement & reminders, etc).*
- After talking about the plan, what are your excitements or fears about studying the Book of Exodus together over the next 5 weeks? *(Spend some time here again to really encourage your students and give tips on how to overcome obstacles to read the Bible on their own.)*

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer. Any prayer requests?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, *17* so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

EXODUS 3:7-10 NIV

“The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. *8* So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. *9* And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. *10* So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

LEADER'S NOTES for the HSM READING + STUDYING EXODUS PLAN

For our final HSM series of the Spring, we really want to empower our students to learn how they can read and study God's Word on their own. We kicked off this theme at HSM24, and we want to continue it in small groups for two reasons:

- To give tools to all our students, whether they were at HSM24 or not
- To give students community as they get in the habit and practice of using these tools

WHY EXODUS?

We picked Exodus intentionally for a few reasons.

- It has both exciting narrative sections and less exciting detailed lists of rules and tabernacle plans. The Bible is full of both kinds of sections, and we want to tangibly walk with our students through reading both kinds of sections as 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says all Scripture is good for us.
- To help our students see that the whole Bible, even the OT sections, point to Jesus and apply to their lives.

LEADER NOTE: We want to help students to see overall themes in Exodus, so that is how the reading plan is divided. You'll notice each week has 6 sections or less, but some are longer than others. My suggestion to read by theme and read a box a day, meaning some days will be longer and some weeks will have less than 6 days (this can keep some themes from feeling like they are dragging). But you could divide up chapters evenly throughout the week and do it that way with your group too. It's totally up to you and your group.

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