



UPSTATE GROUP GUIDE

Through the Bible |

February 10-16 |

Exodus 1-3

Things to Know

Inside Out -

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March 9-15 - Simpsonville & Greenville Campuses

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Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read Genesis Exodus 1-3 and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
 - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Though the people of Israel are experiencing a terrible suffering, they are never out of sight or out of mind for God. God sees. God knows. The same is true in our life. No matter what we are going through, God knows and God cares.
 - The revelation of God to Moses begins to open our eyes to the holiness of God. The great I Am is not like us.
 - God was not relying on the ingenuity or skillfulness of Moses to deliver the people of Israel. All God need was a willing vessel. God could overcome Moses' weakness because God was never going to save through Moses' strength.
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Discussion Questions

- 1. God's Response to Suffering (Exodus 3:7-8):**
 - **Reflection:** In Exodus 3:7-8, God tells Moses, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people... I have come down to deliver them." How does this declaration reveal God's active concern for those who are suffering?
 - **Application:** In what ways do you see God's concern and intervention in your own life or the lives of those around you today?
- 2. Foreshadowing Deliverance in Moses' Early Life (Exodus 2:1-10):**
 - **Reflection:** The narrative of Moses' birth and survival in Exodus 2 shows how he was set apart from the beginning. How might these early events foreshadow a larger plan of deliverance for Israel?
 - **Application:** Reflect on a time in your life when a seemingly small or difficult event turned out to be part of a larger plan. How does that experience encourage you to trust in God's timing?
- 3. Moses' Doubt and God's Assurance (Exodus 3:11-12):**

- **Reflection:** When Moses questions his ability to lead in Exodus 3:11–12, God assures him, “I will be with you.” What does this promise tell us about God’s provision when we face our own insecurities or challenges?
- **Application:** Can you identify a current challenge where you need to hear “I will be with you”? How might embracing this promise change your perspective or actions?

4. **God’s Self-Revelation (Exodus 3:14):**

- **Reflection:** In Exodus 3:14, God reveals Himself to Moses as “I AM WHO I AM.” How does this declaration of God’s eternal nature help us understand His character?
- **Application:** How can you rely on the unchanging nature of God in times of personal uncertainty or when facing change in your own life?

5. **God’s Remembrance of His People (Exodus 2:23–25):**

- **Reflection:** Exodus 2:23–25 describes how God hears the groaning of the Israelites and “remembers” His covenant. What does this act of remembrance tell us about God’s commitment to His people?
- **Application:** In what practical ways can you remind yourself of God’s faithfulness during seasons of hardship, and how can that remembrance shape your daily decisions?

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” **4** When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” **5** Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” **6** And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

[The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ex 3:1–6.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

Moses' life is a reminder that God doesn't need extraordinary people to accomplish his plan and mission. Moses had a number of weaknesses that made him a less-than-ideal candidate. This should encourage us all to remember that God can use us in spite of us. How might be God planning to use you for his glory in spite of your past or your weakness?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
 2. How did you feed others?
 - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
 3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*
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Leader Resources

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