



FACILITATOR'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Year 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People

Module 3—Exodus

Lesson 2: The Birth of Moses—Exodus 2

ENCOUNTER 1—Community Discussion

Read Exodus 2 together out loud as a group. Encourage each person to journal through the passage using these questions. After allowing sufficient time for reflection, invite the group to share their thoughts.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

ENCOUNTER 2—Community Discussion

(Read the biblical reflection included with this lesson. The questions are designed for your group to enter into a meaningful dialogue about the Word. The bulleted teaching points are taken from the reflection and correspond to the questions.)

GOD'S STORY

Why do you think God waited before delivering the Israelites?

- Consider what God provided for them during that era—their population grew to a point where they would be able to enter the Promised Land as a strong group of thousands and ultimately millions versus only hundreds.
- Think about how God has provided for you during difficult times when you wished he would have acted sooner.

Can you think of some examples from the Bible when God seemed to “take His time” making something happen?

- Many stories in the Bible make sense to us now, but probably did not make any sense to the people living during that time.

Do you think it was God's ideal plan for Moses to kill the Egyptian and flee, or that He knew about it and used it?

- God works despite our actions and through our actions.
- The Lord may have had other plans, but the only one we know of is His original plan for the world in Genesis 1-2.

OUR STORY

How do you think God feels about people who know what is right, but still keep sinning?

- Jesus reserved His harshest words not for thieves or prostitutes but for those He found to be spiritual hypocrites.
- In Luke 11:37-49, Jesus challenged such a group of Pharisees, accusing them of having a faulty faith. These men were experts in religion, but ignorant of authentic faith.

Within reason, are you the same on the inside as you profess to be on the outside?

- “You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness” (Luke 11:39).

OTHERS' STORY

Has God or another person ever asked you to do something that didn't make sense?

- Even when you don't understand what God is doing, you can always trust Him.
- The Lord is not random but intentional in leading us back to Him and into the lives we were originally created for.

How have you seen God use others to work His will?

- Pharaoh's daughter should have reported the baby and had him killed. She instead embraced him and he was raised in Pharaoh's protection.
- You're here today because of others who have gone before you spiritually and made this opportunity for growth possible.

If there is one thing you could do to help produce godly change in another person's life, what would that be?

- We often know of several things we “could” be doing but don't seem to have the time for.
- Take the time to care about others that God has put you around.

THE WORLD'S STORY

What leaders have come from unexpected or unlikely backgrounds?

- Consider the different backgrounds of famous presidents and world leaders.
- The lineage of Jesus records people who came from every walk of life, including those of respect to those of controversy.

How are others bringing godly change to your life?

- The technology you rely on is in place because of the trial and error of others who didn't give up. What you rely on as commonplace every day had to be brought about by someone you may never meet in person.
- Television shows and movies have a tendency to altar how we think, even if only a little bit, about a topic, person or theme.

How can you help someone find their purpose in changing the world?

- There were several people that God used in Moses' life to help him get to the point where he could lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

PRAYER

(Lead your group in corporate prayer)

*I will sing of your love and justice;
to you, Lord, I will sing praise.
I will be careful to lead a blameless life—
when will you come to me?*

*I will conduct the affairs of my house
with a blameless heart.
I will not look with approval
on anything that is vile.*

*I hate what faithless people do;
I will have no part in it.
The perverse of heart shall be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with what is evil.*

*Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret,
I will put to silence;
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,
I will not tolerate.*

*My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
the one whose walk is blameless
will minister to me.*

*No one who practices deceit
will dwell in my house;
no one who speaks falsely
will stand in my presence.*

*Every morning I will put to silence
all the wicked in the land;
I will cut off every evildoer
from the city of the Lord.*

(Psalm 101)

WEEKLY PRACTICE

(Read the weekly practice out loud, and challenge your group to practice *missio* beyond today.)

When you're running late or under pressure, anything can set you off. It's what causes people to say and do things they normally wouldn't. Even if you're not usually an angry person, you can come to feel overwhelmed and antagonistic.

This week do whatever you can to simply build time to calm down. You may just need to have a few minutes every few hours to relax, enjoy God and invite Him to show you what you're missing. Take a deep breath, smile at the blessings He's given you, and share about it with someone else.

BECOMING MY STORY

(Encourage the group to spend time this week in God's Word, allowing it to penetrate their heart and life.)

Genesis 4

Ephesians 4

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. In the context of Exodus 2, consider the following questions:

What are the key decisions you see people in these scriptures making to better trust and follow the Lord?

What decisions have you made that have most shaped your relationship with God?

Consider other passages you might know related to Exodus 2 and read them this week, journaling as you go.