



SESSION SNAPSHOT

WHEN GOD CALLS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Exodus 3:1-15

GOSPEL FOCUS:

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

TAKEAWAYS:

- God speaks into our lives and calls us to obey
- When God calls us, we must respond with obedience

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Genesis 48-49
- Genesis 50 - Exodus 1
- Exodus 2-3
- Exodus 4-5
- Exodus 6-7

STUDY THE WORD

Have you ever dealt with “Imposter Syndrome” before? Tell us about it.

What is the first question Moses asks of God?

Why do you think that he asked this question?

Why is it easy to underestimate what God can do through us?

Re-visit verses 7-9. What are the four things God says He is aware of?

What are the specific ways God says about how He will rescue His people?

What, if any, principles in these verses still apply to us today?

Re-visit verses 11-15. What were Moses’ insecurities with being sent by God?

Do you relate with his fears? Why or why not?

Do you think that not knowing what to say when sharing God’s Word is a legitimate fear? Why or why not?

When Moses returned to Egypt, it would have felt different than when he grew up there. He had a new identity, one that was not just Egyptian. What do you think it was like for Moses as he returned, now a stranger in a place he used to live?

In what ways are believers like Moses, living as a stranger in a familiar land?

What do you struggle with most when it comes to living missionally?

What does it look like to lean on the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work Jesus has called you to?

APPLY THE WORD

Living missionally doesn't mean doing something earth-shaking; it simply means living in obedience to what the Lord is telling you to do. Not everyone will be called across the globe every single time; most of the time, God will start with simply calling you across the street.

It is not our place to ask questions like "why?" or "why me?" when God calls us. Instead, it is our job to follow through faithfully and without hesitation.

Who is someone in your life who needs to know Jesus that you can begin building an intentional relationship with?

What do you think it would look like to consider that person your personal mission field?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Exodus 8-9***
- ***Exodus 10-11***
- ***Exodus 12***
- ***Exodus 13:17 - 14***
- ***Genesis Exodus 16-17***



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AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Exodus 12:1-13; 21-27

GOSPEL FOCUS:

1 Corinthians 5:7

TAKEAWAYS:

- God has a plan for our salvation
- Christ's blood covers us once and for all

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Exodus 8-9
- Exodus 10-11
- Exodus 12
- Exodus 13:17 - 14
- Exodus 16-17

STUDY THE WORD

Jesus' death on the cross occurred thousands of years after this was written on Passover--the celebration of this exact event. Where do you see parallels between the preparations for Passover and Jesus' death on our behalf?

This chapter contains some vivid and gruesome imagery. Why do you think that it was important for the Israelites to see all of the violent imagery associated with Passover?

Why do you think it is important for us to remember the sacrifice Passover foreshadowed--Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross?

What are some of the things you think the Israelites were thinking as they were listening to Moses give these instructions?

After this night was over, they were going to be able to say, "I am alive because a lamb died in my place." How is this relevant to us today in light of Christ's blood that covers us?

The Israelites painted their doorposts with the blood of the sacrificial lamb as a "distinguishing mark" (v.13). Think back to how you were before Christ and compare it to how you are after professing faith in Christ.

What are some distinguishing characteristics that mark that change in your life?

What are some things that you have heard are necessary for salvation—either from other people, other religious systems, or worldly philosophies? What does the Word of God tell us saves a person?

How does reading about Passover strengthen your understanding of what passages like the ones you read say?

APPLY THE WORD

When the Israelites heard their instructions, they didn't get to pick and choose which parts of the sacrifice they wanted to use (v.10). They had to be all-in. They needed to display total obedience, even if it was hard. If they had omitted steps, or even if they had waited a day to sacrifice the lamb, it would have been too little, too late.

We are in the same situation today. Partial or delayed obedience is disobedience. We cannot reserve one or two areas of our life to surrender to the Lord; Jesus' blood either covers us entirely or not at all. We don't get to pick and choose. When we are covered with His blood, we hand ourselves entirely over to Him.

What is an area of my life that I am withholding from turning over to God?

Where am I not being fully obedient to what God is telling me to do?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Exodus 19-20***
- ***Exodus 24-25***
- ***Exodus 26-27***
- ***Exodus 28-29***
- ***Exodus 30-31***



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GRACE DEMANDS MORE

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Exodus 20:1-17

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Matthew 22:36-40

TAKEAWAYS:

- God's Law is not a restriction of your happiness, but an expression of His love
- Christ is the perfect embodiment and completion of God's Law

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Exodus 19-20
- Exodus 24-25
- Exodus 26-27
- Exodus 28-29
- Exodus 30-31

STUDY THE WORD

What is a rule you grew up with that didn't make sense until you were older?

Verse 4 talks about making idols. What do you think it means to make an idol for yourself?

What do you think it means to worship something that isn't God?

Be honest: what sorts of things do we worship in this day and age?

Verse 7 talks about misusing God's name. What do you think it means to do this?

How have you seen God's name misused before?

Verses 8-11 do something interesting: they command us to rest. Why do you think that He did this?

How good are you at being intentional about resting?

When do you feel most rested?

How is this set of commandments different than the commandments that came before them?

How have you noticed that your vertical relationship (with God) affects your horizontal relationships (with others)?

How do you see Jesus' words from Matthew reflected in the Ten Commandments?

How do you see God's character and love reflected in the commandments He gives His people?

APPLY THE WORD

There are more than 233,000 miles of train tracks in the U.S. alone. You could make it to almost any major city by train, and it is still the most efficient way to get around some of them. But the second one of those trains leaves the tracks, it does not have the freedom of open space; it is instantly grounded and unable to move at all.

Likewise, God's boundaries for our lives are not inhibitors of our freedom, rather they are what allow us the opportunity to have freedom at all.

What is an aspect of God's commands that you struggle with the most?

How does it affect your relationship with Him? With those around you?

What can you do change this week to maintain right fellowship with God?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Exodus 32-33***
- ***Exodus 34 - 36:1***
- ***Exodus 40***
- ***Leviticus 8-9***
- ***Leviticus 16-17***



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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Exodus 34:28-35

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Acts 2:37-41

TAKEAWAYS:

- Jesus proved He was God by speaking a language His disciples understood
- Jesus is the promised Messiah who came to fulfill what Moses couldn't complete

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Exodus 32-33
- Exodus 34 - 36:1
- Exodus 40
- Leviticus 8-9
- Leviticus 16-17

STUDY THE WORD

Was the connection between these two accounts obvious to you? What made it that way?

Why do you think it was important for Peter, James, and John to see Jesus this way--especially since they probably knew the Exodus passage by heart?

When did you become convinced about who Jesus was? What was it that led you to that conviction?

What do these two passages tell you about how God makes His glory known?

Why do you think we're unable to fully comprehend God's glory? What does that mean to you?

How has God made His glory known to us today?

Jesus was teaching a lesson about who He was to His disciples. Do you think that they got it? Why or why not?

Do you think we respond to God's presence with fear and reverence (Like in Exodus 19:16, 1 Samuel 4:7, Jonah 1:16) today? Should we?

How do you feel about what Moses told the Levites to do in Exous 32:23-28?

What do you think it means to feel righteous anger (even if you don't respond to it appropriately)?

How did God's work in Acts 2 fix something that went wrong in the Exodus passage?

Moses was famous for liberating Israel from bondage in Egypt. In your own words, how did Jesus do what Moses could not by liberating us from sin?

What makes you convinced that Jesus was who He said He was--the Son of God?

APPLY THE WORD

Jesus used pictures to tell His followers who He was. He spoke their language and used the techniques that they were familiar with to explain the things He needed to explain.

He does the same with us. He knows how we think and understands what we need in order to see Him for who He is: the only one who can liberate us from our bondage to sin.

Perhaps you have seen this for yourself. Maybe you haven't. Regardless of which camp you are in, there are steps that you can take today in light of what Jesus has revealed.

What do I need to be liberated from by Jesus today?

What needs to change in my life in light of Jesus' finished work on the cross?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Leviticus 23***
- ***Leviticus 26***
- ***Numbers 11-12***
- ***Numbers 13-14***
- ***Numbers 16-17***



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FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Numbers 13:17-33; 14:1-9

GOSPEL FOCUS:

2 Corinthians 5:7

TAKEAWAYS:

- Walk by faith, not by fear
- Respond to God with obedience, regardless of how scary it may seem

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Leviticus 23
- Leviticus 26
- Numbers 11-12
- Numbers 13-14
- Numbers 16-17

STUDY THE WORD

When is a time you've seen someone's attitude be contagious to everyone around them, whether it was positive or negative?

From what you've read of the Old Testament so far, what are some of the things that the Israelites have already seen God do?

Why do you think that they doubted God's ability to deliver on His promise about this land?

Why do you think that doubting is sometimes easier than having faith?

What is something (or a few things) that you've seen the Lord do in your own life?

Why is it important to take time out to remember what He's done?

In 14:4, the people plan to head back to slavery in Egypt. Why do you think this felt like a viable option for them?

Why is it so tempting to go back to things that held us captive rather than move forward into freedom?

When is a time you've had to step out in faith and do something you were uncomfortable with?

How did God see you through that situation? How did it turn out?

Tell about a situation in your life that felt insurmountable, but which God saw you through.

Are you in the middle of a situation like this right now?

How does remembering what God has done for you (and for others) help you deal with situations like that?

APPLY THE WORD

If you are a believer who is walking by the Spirit, you are going to be called to step out of your comfort zone, even if it is just for something small. These situations can be like what the Israelites were facing in this moment: will you succumb to the fear (however real the fear may be) or will you trust in the God who called you?

Perhaps you feel as though you've never been asked to step out in faith, into a realm where you're fearful. That's okay, too. It may be that you haven't made yourself available for it yet. What you will find is that situations exactly like those are the ones where you will feel your Lord most strongly.

Write down a current situation that is your "Canaan." What giants are keeping you from stepping out with faith into God's promise?

Pray for an opportunity to share what God has seen you through with someone who needs to hear it and be encouraged in it this week.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Numbers 20; 27:12-23***
- ***Numbers 34-35***
- ***Deuteronomy 1-2***
- ***Deuteronomy 3-4***
- ***Deuteronomy 6-7***



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HOW TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Matthew 22:34-40

TAKEAWAYS:

- God's people are distinctive
- God's people are disciple-makers

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Numbers 20, 27:12-23
- Numbers 34-35
- Deuteronomy 1-2
- Deuteronomy 3-4
- Deuteronomy 6-7

STUDY THE WORD

Tell about a time when you had to do something entirely new--a new job, a new city, etc.

What was most difficult about it? What was the most exciting?

What do you think it means to love God as completely as verse 5 says?

What are some things that get in the way of us doing that?

Verses 7-9 paint a picture of a household fully devoted to God's Word.

What does it look like today to devote yourself to God's Word? How does it look to your family? Your friends? People who don't even know you?

What do you think are some practical ways we can keep God's Word front and center, even with a lot going on?

Why do you think that Jesus said today's passage was so important?

How does making God your first priority affect the way you handle difficulties?

How do the two commands Jesus references here summarize the whole of God's Law?

How can you naturally incorporate talking about God into your everyday life?

How does keeping God's Word at the front of your mind affect the way you live?

What is the difference between having godly speech and living a godly life?

What are some of the things that hinder us from teaching others God's ways?

What can you begin doing now to invest God's Word into someone else?

APPLY THE WORD

You don't have to have a household of your own to take the words of Deuteronomy 6 seriously. The principle in this passage is that it begins in you and then flows out from there into the people around you, whether those people are your family, your friends, your coworkers, or your community.

What is a step I can take to begin taking God's Word more seriously in my own life?

What are the aspects of my life that I have trouble loving God with?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Deuteronomy 8-9***
- ***Deuteronomy 30-31***
- ***Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34***
- ***Joshua 1-2***
- ***Joshua 3-4***