Exodus 1-10 Introduction

Question:

Describe what God is like in Genesis?

Exodus 1:1-2:25 (Read 1:1-22; 2:1-25)

Summary:

- Another Pharaoh has ascended the throne, doesn't know Joseph
- Worried about how strong and populated the Israelites are
- Pharaoh initiates a genocide to control Israel's population
- Moses' born is a Levite
- Moses was hidden in reeds where he was found by the daughter of Pharaoh
- Moses sees one his people being afflicted, and he strikes down the Egyptian
- Afterward, he sees two of his kinsman fighting
- Pharaoh hears of it, seeks to kill Moses. Moses flees to the land of Midian
- Shepherds harass the seven daughters of Reuel, a priest of Midian
- The priest receives Moses, gives his daughter Zipporah to him, and she gives birth to Gershom
- Pharaoh dies, and the people of Israel groan because of their slavery
- God heard their groaning, and remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Questions:

Why might Pharaoh seem more threatening as an enemy than God does? Since God did not intervene for his people in Exodus 1, does this mean that God is powerless against Pharaoh? How would you describe God's control over human affairs?

In 2:24, it mentions that God "remembered" his covenant with the patriarchs. Why do you think this is significant? Did He forget? How are Christians connected with the Israelites from thousands of years ago?

Lessons:

Moses Call, Commission, Challenge

Exodus 3:1-7:7 (Read 3:1-22; 4:29-5:9; 5:19-6:12)

Summary:

- The Burning Bush
- Revelation of the name of Yahweh
- God commissions Moses to go to the Elders
- God tells Moses that it won't be so easy to persuade Pharaoh
- Moses is afraid that no one will listen to him or believe him
- Moses returns to Egypt with Aaron, and his family, and meet the elders.

- Moses and Aaron approach Pharaoh
- The Lord tells Moses his plan for deliverance
- Moses shares this with the people, and they respond
- God commissions Moses again to speak to Pharaoh

Questions:

What does it mean for God to be holy?

What is the significance of God's name, as revealed in 3:14?

How are Christians connected with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

What makes the Israelites worthy of being God's special people?

Has there been a time in your life where you started to praise God, until the circumstances changed, and you became bitter, share that story

Lessons:

Judgement Begins

Read Exodus 7:1-10:29

Summary:

- Begins with a demonstration of God's power
- God displays his sovereignty, power, and superiority over them through the plagues
- God wishes his people to be released that they may worship Him
- Pharaoh will not listen

Questions:

What does worshipping God mean?

Why is God so serious about His people worshipping?

How can you be living out a life of worship, on a day-to-day basis?

Lessons: