

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Exodus 6:1-8

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

4 – Parts of Sunday’s Sermon

- **The Context of the Poem**
- **The Historic Part of the Poem**
- **The Predictive Part of the Poem**
- **The Purpose of the Poem**

I. The Context of the Poem

- **Read Exodus 5:20-6:1**
- Why was Moses so discouraged at the end of chapter 5?
- What accusations does Moses accuse God of in Exodus 5:22-23?
- How does God respond in Exodus 6:1? Why is the word “Now” significant?
- **Read Genesis 15:13-14.** How was the 400 years of affliction part of God’s plan? What did the slavery of Israel accomplish and how did it glorify God?
- **Read Exodus 3:19.** How did the hardness of Pharaoh’s heart lead to God’s glory?
- **Read Exodus 6:2-8** and as a group point out how many times you see the phrase. “I am the LORD.”
- How is this poem radically God-centered?

II. The Historic Part of the Poem

- **Read Exodus 6:2-5**
- What do you think verse 3 means?
- Why do you think God focuses on the Land promise in verse 4?
- Why is it comforting to know that God hears the groaning of His people?
- How does the end of verse 5 sum up the historical part of this Poem (verses 2-5)?

III. The Predictive part of the Poem

- **Read Exodus 6:6-8**
- As a group find all the times God says, “I will” in verses 6-8. What are the promises that God makes to Moses and the Israelites in this passage?
- How do these “I wills” show the heart of God and point us to the saving work of Christ? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - John 8:34-36
 - Galatians 5:1
 - Ephesians 1:7
 - Ephesians 1:4-5
 - 1 Peter 1:3-4
 - 2 Corinthians 1:20

IV. The Purpose of the Poem

- According to Exodus 6:7 what is the purpose of God saving Israel from the slavery of Egypt?
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
 - These are the seven “I wills” of salvation, in which God proves that he is Lord by saving his people – liberating them, redeeming them, adopting them, and giving them a land to be their very own. Without getting lost in all the details, it is important not to miss the main point, which is that salvation belongs to the Lord. From beginning to end, every aspect of the exodus was accomplished by God, and by God alone. God promised to bring his people out of Egypt and to free them from bondage. He promised to take them to himself and make them his own. He promised to give them a land for their possession. The only thing left for the Israelites to do was to know him as

their Savior and Lord...God saved the Israelites by his sovereign grace. He did all the saving so that he could keep all the glory. – **Philip Graham Ryken**

- According to the following verses, what is God's primary motive for His saving grace?
 - Ezekiel 20:9
 - Psalm 106:8
 - 1 Samuel 12:22
 - Psalm 23:3
 - Psalm 31:3
 - Psalm 109:21
 - Psalm 143:11
 - Isaiah 48:9 & 11
 - Ezekiel 20:14
 - Ezekiel 20:22
 - Ezekiel 20:44
 - Ezekiel 36:22
 - Exodus 32:11-14

- Why do you think we shy away from saying that God is God-centered?

- How is God radically God-centered and why is that a good thing?

- Why is love a greater virtue than selflessness? Read 1 Corinthians 13:3 to help answer this question.

- Why is making much of God the most loving thing we can do for others?

- What are some practical ways you can make your life more God-focused instead of self-focused?