

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 6:14-27

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

The Genealogy

- Why do you think the Bible has so many genealogies? What is their purpose? What do they tell us about God, families and individuals?
- Many Biblical scholars disagree on why this genealogy is placed in the middle of the narrative in Exodus 6. Why do you think it is placed here?
- **Read Verses 14-16** (have fun trying to pronounce the names). What observation do you see in the first 3 verses of this genealogy?
- How do these verses show that God hasn’t forgotten his covenant with Abraham?
- How does it bring comfort to you that God is so faithful in fulfilling his promises to individual people?
- **Read Numbers 3:25-26**. What was Gershon’s responsibility in the Tabernacle?
- **Read Numbers 3:29-31**. What was Kohath’s responsibility in the Tabernacle?
- **Read Numbers 3:36-37**. What was Merari’s responsibility in the Tabernacle?
- How do Gershon, Kohath and Merari’s responsibilities compare to the New Testament’s gift of service?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26**
 - How does the human body demonstrate both unity & diversity?

- How does the worship of God unify the church as a whole and give it meaning?
- How does the worship of God give meaning to the individuals within the church?
- **Read Numbers 16:1-3 & 28-33**
 - How was Korah's rebellion against Moses also a rebellion against God?
 - Why do you think God took such a dramatic step to stop this rebellion?
 - **Read 1 Corinthians 10:6.** What can we learn from the story of Korah?
- **Read Exodus 6:23**
 - Who were Aaron's two oldest sons? How did they live a privileged life when it comes to being exposed to God? **Read Exodus 24:9-11** to help answer this question.
- **Read Leviticus 10:1-2**
 - How did Nadab and Abihu's sin? What was the punishment? Read the following quote to help answer this question.
 - *The crux of Nadab and Abihu's sin was approaching God in a careless, self-willed, inappropriate manner, without the reverence He deserved. They did not treat Him as holy or exalt his name before the people. The Lord's response was swift and deadly. The "strange fire" of Nadab and Abihu ignited the unquenchable flames of divine judgment against them, and they were incinerated on the spot. – John MacArthur*
 - What can we learn from Nadab and Abihu's story?
 - How does the story of Nadab and Abihu prove that position, title, upbringing and/or family lineage will not save you?
 - **Read and discuss Matthew 7:21-23.** How does this statement by Jesus relate to the story of Nadab and Abihu?
- **Read Exodus 6:25**

- Why do you think this genealogy ends with Phinehas? **Read Numbers 25:1-13** to help answer this question.
- How did Phinehas embody what Paul commanded to the church in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14?
- How do love and truth-telling go hand-in-hand? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6
 - Eph. 4:14-15
 - Mark 10:17-22

- **Read Exodus 6:26-27**
 - According to these two verses, what is the main purpose of this genealogy?
 - How is this genealogy particularly focused on Aaron? Why do you think that is?

- The Bible is a large story that spans from eternity past to eternity future. It's a story about stories. How does the story of the Bible give meaning to individual stories and lives?
- How do genealogies show us that individual stories matter because they are a part of something bigger?
- Do you ever feel like your story doesn't matter? Why is it encouraging to know that all lives matter because all lives have a part (no matter how big or small) in the story of redemption?
- How has God personally shown you that He has taken interest in your life?