

EXODUS

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Scripture Read- Along - 10 Weeks

We want to read Exodus together so we become familiar with the story, as we dig in on a weekly basis. We encourage you to read it by yourself, with your small group or with your family, starting the week of September 15th.

Week 1: Exodus 1-4 and watch this overview of Exodus 1-18: <https://youtu.be/0uf-PgW7rqE>

Week 2: Exodus 5-8

Week 3: Exodus 9-12

Week 4: Exodus 13-16

Week 5: Exodus 17-20 and watch this overview of Exodus 19-40: <https://youtu.be/oNpTha80yyE>

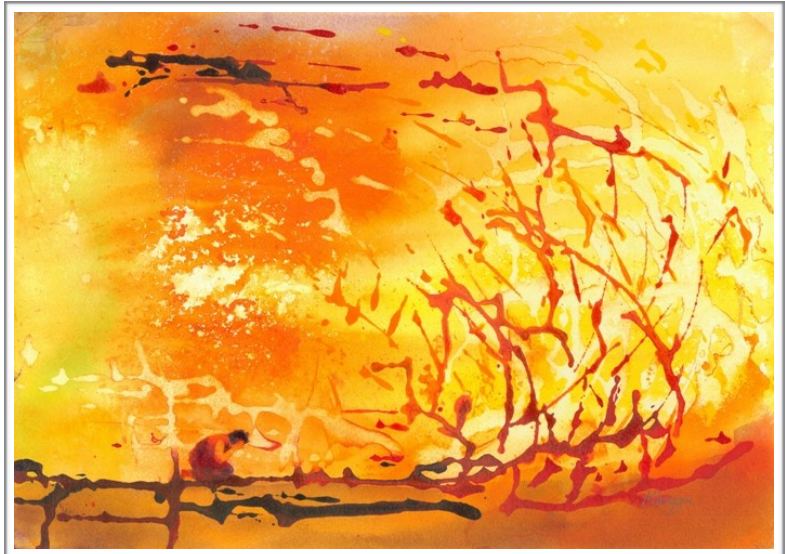
Week 6: Exodus 21-24

Week 7: Exodus 25-28

Week 8: Exodus 29-32

Week 9: Exodus 33-36

Week 10: Exodus 37-40



Exodus

Exodus begins with Israel, God's people, finding themselves as an oppressed minority in Egypt. Though Egypt had provided relief for them through Joseph, they now find themselves stomped on by the ones who had saved them. And they are suffering. God hears their cries and provides a leader, Moses, to lead them out of Egypt and into the wilderness toward the promised land. Along the way they discover freedom is good, but harder than they imagine. They discover following God can be a slog. They find out not everyone will love them and their lives aren't in the free and clear. They discover they need a new identity—no longer slaves, but now what?! They see that allegiance to God means giving up their way of life in Egypt. And they see marvelous ways God rescues them.

Exodus is a very important story for Christians. It tells the story of rescue, redemption and freedom for God's



Helpful Resources:

As you dig into this story you might realize reading the Bible can be confusing. If that is the case feel free to check out: the Bible Project on reading scripture. Use inductive bible study method. And/or *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*, if you're a reader (or listener):

[https://www.audible.ca/pd/How-to-Read-the-Bible-for-All-Its-Worth-Fourth-Edition-Audiobook/B071F3FYHG?](https://www.audible.ca/pd/How-to-Read-the-Bible-for-All-Its-Worth-Fourth-Edition-Audiobook/B071F3FYHG?pf_rd_p=84111111-1111-1111-1111-111111111111)

If you want some help understanding some stuff: Intro: The Bible:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_CGP-12AE0

people. Throughout the New Testament and theology we often talk about Jesus' work on the cross and resurrection as passing through the Red Sea—from death and slavery into life and freedom. We talk about Baptism as walking through the Red Sea. We use the image of the Passover Lamb to describe Jesus. Many of the gospels tell us Jesus is crucified on

Passover. And so Exodus shapes our understanding of our own Exodus story. How we go from bondage and slavery to life and freedom. The Belgic Confession even calls Jesus our Red Sea. And the 10 Commandments are used well in our tradition, as they are explained in the Heidelberg Catechism, to show us what it means to walk in the way of Christ.

Throughout the Fall we are going to be spending 10 weeks in Exodus. As we do this, we invite you to come along on the journey. Read the whole story—once or twice if you dare. Watch the Bible Project videos to help you get a grasp on this large story. Perhaps get your small group to do a study so you can dig in together. Perhaps think about what it might look like to do a Passover meal around Easter this year (I know, it's a long way off...but still!).

As you read the story here are a few things to be on the look out for:

1. Where is God? How does God show up? And/or be present to God's people?
2. Do you hear echos of Exodus language elsewhere in scripture?
3. What sticks out to you about God? What are you attracted to and what do you have an aversion to, and why?
4. What questions come up for you?

