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Reflection/Discussion Guide: Exodus 13- 32; Psalm 22-28

This guide is broken into three parts:

1. A brief overview of the Scriptures you are reading this week
2. Questions for personal reflection
3. Questions for group discussion and application

Feel free to answer the questions for personal reflection at your own pace. They are designed to help consider a section of Scripture: the people, relationships and events described in the section.

Overview of Exodus

The story of God's fight against evil to deliver his people is in full view as we read Exodus 13-32. But God is not like many super heroes who simply rescue the victim and then fly away. He takes them out of Egypt so that he can be with them in Canaan. He wants to be with them and develop them into His people who will fulfill His promise to bless the nations. There will be many bumps along the way, but God is using even those rough times to show that he is patient, longsuffering and full of loving-kindness.

For a brief, but great overview of the book of Exodus, please go to <http://www.jubileestl.org/my-jubilee-bible/>

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Questions for Personal Reflection

Exodus chapters 13-15 Delivered by God's Mighty Hand

- Moses states: "This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery." (13:3)
 - What do you remember about the day you were saved?
 - What were some of the circumstance that led you to cry out to God for salvation?
- How does communion remind you of the power of God's mighty hand to deliver you from sin? (13:14-15)
 - You and I were bought back, not by the blood of sheep, but by something much more precious, the blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:17-18). How does the exodus story help you think about your salvation?
- God takes an unexpected turn out of Egypt to give them opportunity to prepare for life ahead. (Exodus 13:17-18)
 - What was God's purpose in that turn?
 - How do relate to the Israelites in this moment? What unexpected turns have you faced in your walk with God?
- In Exodus 14, Israel is free, but their old taskmasters are pursuing them.
 - How can you relate to Israel's experience?
 - How does God deal with their old taskmasters?
 - How has God dealt with things that have enslaved and dominated your life? (Colossians 2:13-15)
- In Exodus 15 Israel stops to celebrate what God has done for them by freeing them from slavery.
 - How do you relate to their response?
 - Why not take a moment and worship God for his great salvation?

Exodus chapters 16-18 Testing in the Wilderness

- When we become Christians it can sometimes feel we've gone from the frying pan into the fire. How did Israel respond to God in their hunger? (16:1-3; 17:1-3)
- How do you relate to this situation?
- What are some ways that you grumble about your circumstances?
- How did God respond to their grumbling?
 - How do you think he responds to our grumbling?
 - How could you respond differently that would reflect genuine need and genuine faith that God will meet that need?
- Moses had his father-in-law as a wise counselor. (Genesis 18)
 - Who do you go to for counsel?
 - Who have you deputized to help you with sticky situations?

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Exodus chapter 19-20 The Formation of a Nation

- About three months into their Journey Israel makes it to Mount Sinai where God will begin to show them what it means to be His people. In Genesis 19:4-6 God describes the kind of people they are going to become.
 - Up to this point what had Israel done to deserve being delivered from Egypt and brought to God?
 - What did God want them to become?
- How do the Ten Commandments help Israel become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation?

Exodus chapters 21-23 Practical Applications of the Law

- How do the laws in these chapters favor the poor, weak, or marginalized?
- How do the laws deal with property rights, theft and damage?
- How do the laws work to ensure a righteous judicial system?

Exodus chapters 24-31 Tabernacle and Worship

- Why does Moses go up on Mount Sinai? (24:12)
- Chapters 25-31 describe God's plans for how worship should be conducted in this leg of the journey into the Promised Land.
 - What do these plans tell us about God's desires? (25:22)
- The priestly clothing, tabernacle, altars and more are described as holy, or separated for God's special use.
 - The New Testament Scriptures describe Christians as holy.
 - How does that change the way you read this passage?
 - How does that affect the way you view yourself?

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CG Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Who have you B.L.E.S.'ed this past week?

Read Exodus 13:3

- Moses states: "This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery."
 - What do you remember about the day you became a Christian?
 - What were some of the circumstance that led you to cry out to God for salvation?
 - How has your life been different as a result?

Read Exodus 13:17-18

- God takes an unexpected turn out of Egypt to give them opportunity to prepare for life ahead.
 - What was God's purpose in that turn?
 - How do relate to the Israelites in this moment? What unexpected turns have you faced in your walk with God?
 - How have those unexpected turns been helpful to you now?

Read Exodus 14:10-11; 26-31

- Israel is free, but their old taskmasters are pursuing them.
 - How can you relate to Israel's experience?
 - How does God deal with their old taskmasters?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Colossians 2:13-15
 - Have you been baptized since you believed the gospel?
 - How is baptism like crossing the Red Sea?
 - How has God dealt with things that have enslaved and dominated your life?
 - Is there something that you feel still dominates your life?
 - How can we help you to walk in the freedom you have?
- Exodus 15 is a praise song proclaiming God's deliverance
 - The final S in B.L.E.S.S stands for sharing your story
 - When's the last time you told someone else about God's salvation plan?
 - Who do you plan on sharing your story with this week?

Pray for one another:

- There may be some who feel stuck in sin. Pray that they will walk in the freedom that Christ purchased. They may need someone to come along and provide counsel and accountability.
- There may be some who fear sharing their faith. Pray for joy in our salvation and the boldness that comes when we have good news to tell.
- Pray for opportunities to BLESS someone this week. (Colossians 4:2-4)

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