



Healthy Groups Keep A Balance In What They Do: Spend equal amounts of time connecting with each other (Fellowship), prayer and sharing how God is working in your life (Worship), growing in your faith through study and discussion (Discipleship), serving others both inside and outside your group (Ministry), and reaching out to those around with the message of Jesus Christ (Evangelism).

PREPARE:

- ⊙ How are you doing? Catch us up on your life. What has been a high and a low in your life since this group last met? How have you seen God work in your life since this group last met?
- ⊙ Has anyone ever done something for you that was so touching you were completely overwhelmed? Share the story with the group.

GROW:

- ⊙ Moses fled Egypt fearing for his life because of his actions toward the Egyptians in charge of the Israelite slaves. He fled to Midian where he married and had a family. But God had plans for him! God revealed those plans to Moses at the burning bush. God planned to use Moses to deliver the Israelites out of the hands of brutal slavery. It is now time for Moses to go to Egypt!
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 4:19-20**
- ⊙ Moses fled Egypt fearing for his life. Do you think he was nervous at the thought of going back? Why?
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 4:21-23**
- ⊙ God revealed to Moses the difficulties that were to come as he spoke with the Pharaoh. Why didn't God make it easier for Moses? What do difficulties cause us to do?
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 4:27-28**
- ⊙ Aaron had been an Egyptian slave all the years that Moses had been in Midian. What do you suppose was Aaron's reaction to seeing Moses and learning God's plans to rescue the Israelites?
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 4:29-31**
- ⊙ After hundreds of years in slavery the Israelites were completely overwhelmed to realize how much God cared about them.
- ⊙ Why did the people respond by worshipping God?
- ⊙ What do you think the mood might have been when the Israelites worshipped God?
- ⊙ Why does realization of the love and mercy God has shown us cause his followers to worship?
- ⊙ Have you ever experienced a time when you worshipped God, not because it was 'time' to do so but because you were overwhelmed at the realization of what he has done for you?





SERVING & SHARING

- ⊙ None of the story in Exodus would have occurred without the willingness of Moses to be used by God. What role did Moses' faith have to play for him to serve God?
- ⊙ What role does faith have to play in our lives today in order to serve God? Why?
- ⊙ For Moses serving God produced spiritual salvation (they turned to God) as well as physical transformation (freed from slavery the Israelites were no longer weary and hungry day after day). Is it possible today to separate spiritual salvation from physical transformation? I.e. Is there really such a thing as serving people's physical needs without also addressing their spiritual need for Christ and vice versa?
- ⊙ How have you served God lately?

PRAYER:

- ⊙ Have your group's prayer coordinator close your group time in the throne room of God.
- ⊙ Consider praying in one the following ways:
 - ⇒ Go around the circle and have each person pray what is on their heart.
 - ⇒ Break into small groups and spend time letting each group share deeper and then close with prayer.
 - ⇒ Go around the circle and lift the person on your left up in prayer.
 - ⇒ Place someone in the middle of the circle who has special prayer needs. Have everyone place their hands upon them and lift that person up in prayer.
 - ⇒ If your group has children let the adults pray together and then bring the children into the group so that the adults can circle around them and pray.
 - ⇒ Everyone get down on their knees and earnestly lift your requests to God.
 - ⇒ Sing a song of prayer to God.
 - ⇒ Let the women of the group pray for the men and then let the men of the group pray for the women.
 - ⇒ Spend an extended amount of time at the beginning of your group time after you have shared with each other how things are going in your life.
- ⊙ **NOTE ON EXODUS 4:24-26:** *The account of the circumcision of Moses' son on the way to Egypt is so brief that it does not fully explain what occurred. What we do know is that Moses had not kept the covenant of Genesis 17:14 which caused God to deliver a wake-up call to Moses. If your group wants a unique discussion around these verses consider the following questions: 1) What are some possible reasons Moses had not followed the covenant of Genesis 17:14 with his son? 2) Why might God have been so serious about the issue of circumcising Moses' son that he was willing to kill Moses? i.e. Was God more concerned about Moses following the 'rules' just for the sake of the 'rules' or was God more concerned about developing a leader in Moses who submitted to God in everything? Why? What might have been the consequences later in Egypt if Moses had not learned to submit to God? 3) How might it impact this small group and/or our church if a leader were not willing to submit themselves to God?*