



Only Murders in the Bible Week 2 – Moses Kills an Egyptian Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **In what season or time in your life did you change the most? Why?**
 - **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
 - Eddie shared about the story of Moses – his unusual childhood, the murder that led him to run away to Midian, and his experience with God at the burning bush. **What stood out to you from Moses' story as you heard it described in the message?**
 - Take a moment to reflect on the interaction between Moses and God at the burning bush. **Read Exodus 3:1-15. What do you notice about Moses? What do you notice about God?**
 - If the burning bush is an image and metaphor for how God works in our lives, **how is God refining and purifying you in the current season of your life? What might he want to redeem? How do you respond to his presence?**
 - “Many of us have a passive aggressive relationship with God. We toggle back and forth between seeking God and hiding from him. Like Moses, we move toward God – but then we remember our sin and hide from him. We need to consistently remember the punch line to the entire story of God's relationship with us: we've been redeemed.” **Do you relate to any part of this description? How does God want to change your thoughts and actions?**
 - Eddie closed this message with two practical application reminders:
 - Insecurity is no excuse for resisting God's will. **How can you remember that it is God at work and that it's not about you?**
 - God redeems some people from obscurity, but others from success. **How might God show kindness in removing what looks like success in your life? How could he be showing you what is most important?**
- Which of these truths do you need to hear today? Spend a moment talking to God about this, asking him to guide your thoughts.**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Archaeology**
- Exodus 1:8 - Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now

outnumber us and are stronger than we are. We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country."

- Exodus 1:16 - "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him. If it is a girl, let her live."
- **Moses**
- Exodus 2:11-12 - "Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews. After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand."
- Exodus 20:13 - "You shall not murder... "
- **The grace of Jesus can not only cleanse you - it can change you.**
- Exodus 2:14 - "Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?" Then Moses was afraid, thinking, "Everyone knows what I did."
- **Redemption**
- Exodus 3:2 - "There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up."
- **The burning bush fire is a metaphor for how God works in our lives.**
- Exodus 3:4 - "When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. "Do not come any closer," the LORD warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground."
- James 4:8 - "Come near to God and he will come near to you."
- **We have a closer relationship with God than Moses did.**
- Hebrews 10:22 - "Since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him."
- Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God."
- Exodus 3:6 - "When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God."
- Luke 5:5 - "But if you say so, I'll let down the nets again."
- Luke 5:8 - "When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."
- **Despite his greatness, the God of the Bible is a God of the people.**
- **Insecurity is no excuse for resisting God's will.**
- Exodus 3:11 - "But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"
- Philippians 4:13 - "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."
- **God redeems some people from obscurity, but others from success.**
- Luke 9:23 - "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?"

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Write It Down – Do you want to grow in your ability to experience God at work in your life? The habit of writing down notes through journaling is a great way to slow down and keep track of what you're learning and observing. We created a simple journal with examples of ways to take notes (Sunday worship notes, daily reflection, prayer requests, and more). Learn more about this and other resources at wschurch.org/resources.