

# Exodus and Transitions

## Video #2 Discussion Questions

1. What kinds of transitions have you gone through in life?
2. What is difficult about transitions? Are there any good things about transitions?
3. The Israelites went to Egypt to escape famine but were eventually enslaved there. They may very well have concluded that God had forgotten about them and was not listening to their prayers. What was really the case (see Exodus 3:7-10)?
4. Read 2:23-25. Why is it comforting to know that God knew the plight of the Israelites?
5. God's plan to save Israel began long before He showed up to Moses in the burning bush. When did it really start? See 2:1-10
6. How are you at patiently waiting for God's deliverance from the troubles in your life?
7. Is it comforting to know that God might be carrying out His plan, but you just can't see yet how it's all going to work out?
8. Jesus' coming to the earth to rescue us from the slavery of sin has often been compared to Moses' leading the children of Israel out of Egyptian slavery. How is sin like slavery? And how is forgiveness of sins through Christ like the freedom that the children of Israel found in the Promised Land?
9. Read Exodus 16:1-4. How is Jesus like bread from heaven or manna? See John 6:30-35.
10. In your daily readings, what story has meant the most to you?
11. In general, how are you doing with keeping up with the readings?

12. Does anyone in your group have questions from their daily readings? Encourage them to write down questions as they read. If you can't come up with answers in your group, email these to Pastor Ben: [pastorben@goodshepherdgainesville.org](mailto:pastorben@goodshepherdgainesville.org)
13. End by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

#### More Discussion Questions

14. Read Exodus 13:17-22. God led Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. How does He lead His people today?
15. What things do you most often complain about? How do you think God responds to complainers?
16. Read Exodus 15:22-25; 16:1-4; 17:1-6. You might expect God to get fed up with the complaining of His people and to tell them that they're on their own. Instead, how does God respond when the Israelites complain? How does this show what kind of God we really have?
17. Read Exodus 19:1-6. What were the conditions for Israel remaining God's treasured people?
18. Now read 1 Peter 2:4-10. How do you become one of God's treasured people today? (Hint: note the first words of verse 4!)
19. Read Exodus 20:1-17. In your opinion, which commandment is talked about the most in casual conversation and in the media? Luther considered verses 3-6 all part of the First Commandment and saw it as the most important – why do you think he thought that?
20. A lot of people think that the most important thing that happened on the top of Mount Sinai is the giving of the 10 Commandments in chapter 20, but read Exodus 24:1-11. Eating a meal together often was the thing that sealed covenants and made them official. How is this true of the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning?