



Meet The Author : Exodus Part 3

February 12 | Matt Anderson

GROUPS WINTER SEMESTER: SEMESTER WEEK 4 FOCUS:

- 1) **Try sharing communion together as a group!** Jesus first offered communion with a small group of his followers, and so groups can be a lovely place for this sacred meal. See “Guidelines for Communion in Community Groups” in your Leader’s Training Manual!
- 2) **Potluck Lunch on Feb 26!** On Sunday, Feb 26 we’ll have our next potluck! Bring a friend and a dish to share, and plan to enjoy a healthy dose of community!
- 3) **GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** Your group can help serve a meal to the Christian Recovery participants on Wednesday nights at the Factory Building (2222 East Broadway), where Surprise will do Faces of Easter on Wednesdays. So cleaning up after the meal will help to prepare the space for Faces of Easter! Use the sign up link posted on our Group leaders Facebook group!

WARM UP

1. As a child or teen, what did you dream of doing when you “grew up”?
2. Invite a group member to share their faith story after using the *My Faith Story* template.
3. What stood out to you in this week’s message?

DIG IN

3. How does Exodus 2:21 challenge our concept of “free will”? Is there such a thing?
4. How does Exodus 5:6-9 display Pharaoh’s poor and stubborn leadership?
5. Read Exodus 5:19-24. Talk about the very different “blame-response” that the Israelites have compared to that of Moses. Why is Moses’ response better?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

6. What are the 2 crucial questions for teenagers (and all of us) according to Paul David Tripp? What do we tend to do with them to make problems for ourselves?
7. Read John 8:33-36.
 - How are these Israelite Pharisees wrong on both a historical level (their ancestors’ bondage in Egypt and their current occupation by the Romans) and on a spiritual level?
 - What does Jesus say proves our “captivity,” and what must take place before we can be “free”?
8. Read I Corinthians 5:21. How does Jesus take our “blame” on the cross.
9. Is there a disappointment or hardship in your life that you’re blaming a person for? What would it look like to turn toward God and assign blame to Him? How would it change things?



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Free will?

Exodus 4:21-23

God's Sovereignty

Exodus 5

Stubborn leadership

Israel blames humans

Blaming God

2 Crucial Questions (Paul David Tripp)

How we confuse these 2

Humans or God?

My Faith Story (Kory)

John 8:33-36

Jesus took our blame...

Blame _____.