



Meet The Author : Exodus Part 4

February 19 | Matt Anderson

GROUPS WINTER SEMESTER: SEMESTER WEEK 4 FOCUS:

- 1) **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!
- 2) **SPIRITUAL GROWTH ASSESSMENT:** Encourage members of your group to go to surprisechurch.com/grow and take the Spiritual Growth Assessment on that page. They can print out their results page, along with the *Plan To Grow* form on the above webpage, where they can plug in their growth areas and begin making a plan for growth. If members are willing, have them share what they learned during an upcoming meeting and pray for one another's growth!

WARM UP

1. What was your first paid job as a young person?
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. What is your heart condition right now? Feel free to openly share how things are with your soul.
4. Read Exodus 7:3-5. God's stated goal in Egypt was to win glory for Himself. Why is it good for God to seek His glory above all else, but bad when we seek our own?
5. Read Exodus 7:22-24. Immerse yourself in the scene of the Egyptians digging in the mud next to the bloody Nile to get water. What is the scene like to watch from the inside? And how does this scene directly result from Pharaoh's hard heart?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

6. Read Romans 1:24-26. Why would God "hand humans over" to sinful desires and consequences if he loves and wishes to save us? Can you recall being "handed over" by God in this way?
7. Romans 1 describes rebellion as worshipping and serving created things rather than the Creator? What created thing has the most potential to draw your heart away from the Creator?
8. Read Acts 2:24-26. Explain how God "handed Jesus over" in a way that both catches sinners in the act of rebellion AND saves them from the eternal consequences of rebellion.
9. What does it look like when God softens our hearts in Jesus? Take some time to pray for the hearts of everyone in your group and family.



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What is my heart _____ right now?

Exodus 7

God aims to achieve glory and recognition for _____.

Is my heart _____ by that?

Hard Heart: Going to ridiculous lengths to...

Drink or _____.

Who really hardened Pharaoh's heart?

Have it your way...

Have you noticed...

Romans 1

Gave them over...

But God goes further...

Acts 2

God handed Jesus over...

God, soften my heart to: