

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

May 13, 2018 sermon:

***Exodus: "Too good to be true"***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) It's Mother's Day...tell your favorite story about your mom!
- 2.) Do you ever fall into the "grass is greener on the other side of the fence" syndrome? In what area of life do you tend to think others have it better than you?

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. A lot can be learned from following the life of Moses. Throughout our Exodus series, we've seen Moses make serious mistakes, doubt himself, commit sin and get frustrated with God. Yet as we look closely at his life we see a person who walked closely with and was greatly used by God. Read through the following verses and talk about some of the highs and lows of Moses' interactions with God that show how Moses' character changed over time.

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| -Exodus 2:11-12   | -Exodus 4:1       |
| -Exodus 4:10-17   | -Exodus 5:22-23   |
| -Exodus 14:10-14  | -Exodus 20:18-20  |
| -Exodus 32:7-14   | -Exodus 32:30-32  |
| -Exodus 33:12-17  | -Numbers 11:11-15 |
| -Numbers 14:11-20 |                   |

2. Read Numbers 14:2-4. Look at their fears, their regrets, and their plan to choose a leader that would take them back to Egypt. Think of all the terrible choices and decisions we make based upon fears. What does the Bible suggest instead? Read Proverbs 14:26-27. What does fear tell us about our spiritual maturity? Read 1 John 4:18.

**Application:** (5-10 minutes) The Israelite multitude chose to believe the negative report of the 10 spies and ignore the promise of God. Which has the most impact on what you do or do not do in life? The opinion and direction of the "crowd"? The strength of your personal desires and convictions? The clear direction and promises of God? We all know that #3 is the right answer, but what is the reality in your life?