

Bible Summary

Homesick-Fight

How do we live east of Eden? Moses is the first character we will study who lived in exile. His story is one of fighting Pharaoh, an evil enslaving power that oppressed God's people. He begins by failing and is exiled from Egypt and his people. God recalls him to ministry but he resists because he feels that he is not qualified. God is relentless in His call and Moses eventually obeys.

Scriptures: Exodus 1-4; Romans 8:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 119:11; Matthew 17:17-20; Matthew 19:26; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:12; 1 Samuel 7; Joshua 14:10-14b; Acts 2:17

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.)

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Many of the characters in the Bible are exiles, displaced from their homeland.
 - a. How does this relate to us as Christians in the world?
 - b. How does this shape your purpose for your time here on earth?
3. By leaving his palace, Moses was then able to see the oppression of his people.
 - a. Did this message challenge you to leave your sanctuary to "win one"?
 - b. Share about a time you left your comfort zone and this opened your eyes to the burdens of others.
4. Does it surprise you that as Christians God calls us to fight oppression?
 - a. What are some different ways we can fight oppression?
5. Moses gave the following excuses when God called him to go: 1) I am a nobody, 2) my past prevents me from being effective, 3) I'm not skilled enough, and 4) I don't want to.
 - a. Which of these excuses do you tend to use?
 - b. How does God refute them? (Exodus 3 and 4)
6. Is there a specific burden God has put on your heart that you are currently fighting? If so, please share.
7. If we don't act on God's calling, the Pharaohs win by forfeit. Have you ever forfeited by not even getting into the ring? What are the fights we think are too big for us?
8. Pray to be confronted with the greatness and power of God.