



Week 1 | Slaves No More | May 2, 2015

Opening Up:

When have you righteously stood up to authority in the past?
Have you ever protested anything? Tell the story?
What kind of event would move you to social action?
How do you know when it is right to oppose authority?

Reference: Exodus 1 and 2

Discuss:

1. In light Genesis 50:20 how has God used evil for good in your life? What about someone else's life?
2. Christopher Wright says, "Although Exodus stands as a unique and unrepeatable event in the history of Israel, it also stands as a paradigmatic and highly repeatable way God wishes to act in the world, and ultimately will act for the whole creation." What patterns of mission do you see in Exodus, and how can you apply them in your life?
3. In Exodus, sin is defined as slavery, and freedom is defined by worship. How can things or people enslave our hearts? What does that enslavement teach us about how the heart worships?
4. There is one story for the world: a story of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. Creation gives us an identity, the fall gives us the problem, redemption gives us our solution, and restoration is our hope. What is a story you are telling with your life that is contrary to the gospel story?
5. Who is the main character in your story? What difference does it make if we are the main character of the story or if God is the main character of the story?
6. In chapters 1 and 2 the four women were the most enslaved, but they were the most free. How can that be so?
7. What can we learn about the civil disobedience of these four women?
8. Why did Moses' first attempt to help the Hebrews fail? What were the practical, social, and spiritual reasons?
9. How has God prepared you for ministry? Have you learned your most valuable lessons in a "palace" or a "desert" or a "wilderness"? ("Moses was 40 years in Egypt learning something; 40 years in the desert learning to be nothing; and 40 years in the wilderness proving God to be everything.")
10. In what way is God's gracious mission in Jesus Christ also seen in the book of Exodus?
11. Pray

Story Lines:

Creation - My **Identity**

Fall - My **Problem**

Redemption - My **Solution**

Restoration - My **Hope**

Satan's Gospel:

Creation: You were meant to be gods.

Fall: You are held back by God and his insecurities.

Redemption: You can be set free by disobeying God.

Restoration: You will be God.

The Gospel:

Creation: We were meant to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Fall: We rebelled against God and replaced him with ourselves.

Redemption: God welcomes rebels back through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Restoration: God will and is fixing what was broken by our rebellion.

Achiever's Gospel:

Creation: I have worth and value because of my achievements.

Fall: I can never achieve enough, and I feel like a failure.

Redemption: I will sacrifice anything, even my family and friends to succeed.

Restoration: I will feel worthy when I have achieved enough.

Addict's Gospel:

Creation: I need to be at peace and avoid anxiety at all cost.

Fall: My pain always seems to find me.

Redemption: I need to suppress my pain through this drug in hopes that it will go away.

Restoration: If I can't feel pain, then I will be at peace.

Parent's Gospel:

Creation: I am meaningful and significant because I am good parent.

Fall: I am not a good parent.

Redemption: I will work and worry tirelessly to be the best parent that I can be.

Restoration: One day my kids will prove me worthy.