

M O S E S
AND THE JOURNEY OF FAITH
DISCUSSION GUIDE

SEE & SAY

Exodus 15.1-21

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share plans for future Community Group gatherings and the following happening in the life of the church:

- This Sunday, **March 6th we are launching a second worship service!** The new times will be 9am and 10:45am. The 9am will essentially be the same as our current 10am service with all the existing kids classes. At 10:45am there will just be kids' classes for ages 2 and under.
- **Theology Lab: Hospitality and the Gospel Saturday, March 12th 9-11a**
At New City we want to learn and manifest the authentic community that God desires for his people. Jesus came not merely to save individuals but to create a people for himself. This theology lab will provide space for us to discuss what kind of community we are called to and how we can practically start working toward making authentic community manifest, eating together and sharing our lives. The cost is \$10, childcare is provided. Childcare RSVP deadline is March 5.
- **Good Friday Worship Gathering, March 25th 7pm @ the church building**

OPENER

Pick one of the following questions:

- What would you say is your favorite song? OR (approach with caution:)
- What song is the worst ear worm for you? What song gets stuck in your head?

OPENING PRAYER

Open your group in prayer. Pray spontaneously, or use this prayer:

Lord God, we admit that we too often have dim eyes and dull mouths, unable to SEE your wonderful deeds and lacking the words to SAY to others what you have done for us. Give us eyes to see you, ears to hear, and open our mouths that our lips might declare your praise as we study your word, seeking to encourage one another. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

STUDY/DISCUSSION

We are looking at the life of Moses. This week we're going to look at **Exodus 15.1-21**, often called the Song of Moses. Read Exodus 15.1-21

STUDY THE TEXT

1. What do Moses and the people of Israel do when they stand safely on the other side of the Red Sea? How do they respond? What is the significance of this act rather than something else, say, building an altar or sacrificing an animal? (See Exodus 15.1)
2. What are some of the elements in Israel's song of praise? What is the subject matter? (Note especially: 15.2, 13, 17-18). *Note: they sing of God's covenant, character, work, and purpose.*
3. To whom do the Israelites credit with victory?
4. What does this passage teach the Israelites (and us) about God?

APPLY THE TEXT

5. This passage uses the personal pronoun "my" four times in verse 2 (re-read verse 2). What does the use of this personal pronoun tell us about THEIR faith and what does it tell us about how OUR faith ought to be? ... Do you view the God of this story, the God of the Bible as YOUR God?
6. The Israelites response to God freeing them from slavery and conquering their enemy is SINGING. What does this tell us about singing?
7. Singing has always been a part of Christian worship and is instructed by Scripture. How have you found singing to be enriching to your journey of faith? In what ways is singing difficult for you? How can you grow in your practice of singing as a way of worship?
8. The song of Moses ends w/ v. 18: "The LORD will reign forever and ever." How does this provide an echo forward of God's plan for human history? (see: Revelation 11.15)
9. In what ways does this passage instruct you to live differently in light of what we've discussed/learned?

PRAY THE TEXT

Take some time and pray together. This can be done together as a whole group, or in smaller groups. Use these Biblical passages as a way to pray.

- Read Psalm 95.1-7 &/or Revelation 11.15, 17-18. Pray in response

If you haven't already, break up and share prayer requests.