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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Exodus

Main Idea

Have you ever felt stuck—like you're trapped in a situation with no way out? Maybe you've wondered if God sees your struggles or if He'll really come through for you. The story of Exodus reminds us that God is always at work, even when we can't see it.

From the very beginning, we see God's hand at work. He protects Moses as a baby, calls him from a burning bush, and empowers him to stand before Pharaoh. When the Israelites cry out under the weight of slavery, God hears them. He doesn't just set them free—He leads them into something greater.

Exodus isn't just about escaping Egypt; it's about learning to trust God in the journey. Like the Israelites, we're called to follow God even when the path seems uncertain. He still speaks, still leads, and still makes a way when there seems to be none.

The question is: Where is God calling you to step out in faith today?

God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”

EXODUS 3:14

Make It Practical:

God Sees, Hears, and Acts

- The Israelites suffered under slavery, but their cries reached God (Exodus 2:23-25).
- Even when we feel forgotten, God is always aware of our struggles and is working behind the scenes.

God Calls and Equips the Unlikely

- Moses was hesitant and felt unqualified to lead (Exodus 3:11-12).
- God reassured him with the promise of His presence: “I will be with you.”

God Reveals Himself as “I AM”

- When Moses asked for God's name, He replied, “I AM WHO I AM” (Exodus 3:14).
- Jesus later connects Himself to this name (John 8:58), showing He is the fulfillment of God's promises.

Faith Requires Action

- Moses had to step out in faith to confront Pharaoh (Exodus 5:1-2).
- The Israelites had to trust God's deliverance through the plagues and the Passover (Exodus 12:12-13).

Jesus, Our Greater Exodus

- The Passover lamb in Exodus foreshadows Jesus, the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7).
- Just as the Israelites were saved by the blood on their doorposts, we are saved by Jesus' sacrifice.
- The Exodus points us to the greater freedom found in Christ—deliverance from sin and eternal life in Him.

Talk About It

God saw, heard, and acted on behalf of His people in Exodus 2:23-25. How does knowing that God hears our cries and responds in His perfect timing encourage you in your current season of life?

Moses doubted his ability to lead, but God reminded him, “I will be with you” (Exodus 3:12). Have you ever felt unqualified for something God was calling you to do? How did you respond, and what did you learn about trusting Him?

The Israelites had to take a step of faith to leave Egypt and follow God. What is one step of faith God may be asking you to take right now, and what is holding you back from fully trusting Him?

God sees, God hears, and God acts— His presence goes before us. His promises never fail.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your faithfulness through the story of Exodus. Just as You saw, heard, and rescued Your people, we trust that You see us, hear our prayers, and are always working in our lives. Help us to step out in faith, to trust You in the unknown, and to follow wherever You lead. Strengthen our hearts to believe that You are who You say You are and that Your promises never fail. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps

Trust That God Sees and Hears You

- Spend time in prayer, bringing your struggles and fears before God.

Take a Step of Faith

- Identify one area where God is calling you to trust Him more. It could be in your relationships, work, or personal growth.

Lean Into God's Presence

- Meditate on Exodus 3:12 (“I will be with you”) and remind yourself that God is always with you in the unknown.

Share What You've Learned

- Invite a friend or family member to church or your Group so they can also experience God's faithfulness.

Surrender Your Fears to “I AM”

- Surrender them in prayer. Ask God to strengthen your faith and help you trust His plan.