

Ex. 1-6 Discussion Questions

Read Ex. 5:22-6:13

1. How does God respond to Moses' disappointment and frustration? Summarize in your own words what God is saying in 6:1-8.
 - a. What stands out to you about God's speech in vv. 1-8?
 - b. Based on these verses, who do we see is the hero of the Exodus? Who is the one who will deliver Israel?
 - c. What happened earlier in Exodus when Moses attempted to deliver an Israelite by his own strength and according to his wisdom? (See Ex. 2:11-15)
2. How did the people respond to Moses when he passed along God's message (v. 9)?
 - a. Can you relate to the people? Have you ever faced a situation where your "broken spirit" or "harsh" circumstances made it difficult for you to trust in God's promises?
 - b. If so, how did you work through your discouragement and doubt? What helped you to trust God's words to you?
3. The Lord then tells Moses to go back to Pharaoh. How does Moses respond (v. 12)?
 - a. Can you relate to how Moses is feeling? Have you found yourself being the reluctant representative of God to someone that you didn't want to deal with?
 - b. If so, how did that situation work out? What did the Lord teach you through it?
4. This is the second time in this account that we find the Lord's words being met with resistance. How does God respond to Moses? Does he acknowledge Moses' complaint or let Moses off the hook?
 - a. What does this reveal about God's character?
 - b. Have you experienced the same dynamic in your relationship with God? If so, when? How did you grow through that experience?

c. Where is God currently calling to you move forward and rise up, and you are struggling to obey?

d. What is holding you back?

5. When Moses was faced with incredible evil and injustice, he responded rashly in anger and was unable to making the situation better. However, God decided to use Moses—with all of his weaknesses—to actually address the very problem that Moses wanted to deal with in the first place (i.e. the bondage of Israel). The difference is that God was going to do it his way, and Moses was to play the role that God had given him.

a. What kinds of problems or issues in the world or in the lives of those around you do you have a passion or strong desire to address?

b. How might God be leading you to work to address this issue in his name?

c. Earlier we saw that God is the hero of Exodus. The truth is that God is always the hero. Why is it so important to remember this fact when we seek to “fix” the problems of this world?

d. How can you get better equipped to serve in the areas that God has called you serve?