

February 18, 2018 The Hebrew Midwives

For the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting, review the story and the questions. Do an internet search on any issues you might anticipate. Even if you are not telling the story, know it well enough to share. Make sure you are maintaining your own walk with the Lord. Make personal contact with at least one person in your group this week.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- Last week we talked about Joseph and Potiphar's wife. What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week? Are there any more thoughts on that story?
- How are your relational investments going?

Ask a "hook question" to get the group going.

- What's the best practical joke or surprise anyone has played on you?

Share background for the story.

This week we continue with the story of the Israelites, also called Hebrews, in Egypt. But this story is many years after Joseph and the Israelites are under serious bondage by the Egyptians.

Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap – Exodus 1:15-21. This week's story is about some women who were placed in the middle of a difficult situation.

Group members rebuild the story one piece at a time.

Read Exodus 1:15-21 out loud. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling of the story?

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. Share about a person you know who had the courage of the midwives to do the right thing despite possible repercussions.
5. Share a time when you were facing a hard decision, wanting to do right but were afraid of the consequences.

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week's passage. Exodus 3:1-15, the Call of Moses.

Close in Prayer.