Exodus Study and Discussion Questions Lesson One: <u>Moses' Birth and Call</u> – Exodus 1:1-7:7

Unless otherwise noted, all questions in this and subsequent lessons refer to the underlined Scripture references listed at the beginning of each of the five sections within the lesson (often given as readings).

Read Exodus 1 - 2:10.

1) List the words in Exodus 1 that describe the Israelites or their lives.

2) What information about Moses' birth and infancy is given in Exodus 2:1-10 and Acts 7:20?

3) Romans 2:14-15 tells us that God has placed His moral law within the heart of every human being (in the form of a conscience). At the end of Exodus 1, what moral law did Pharaoh disregard? What can you learn from Moses' parents' actions about living under human authority or in a culture where God's moral laws are disregarded?

Read Exodus 2:11-22.

4) According to Stephen in Acts 7:23-25, why did Moses leave Pharaoh's household to visit his fellow Israelites?

- 5) Moses is not the only Bible figure who found himself in a foreign land.
 - a) Who else met his wife while watering her flocks at a well in a foreign land (see Genesis 29:9-12)?
 - b) From the following passages, name the men whom God instructed (or whose characters He developed) in a foreign land: Genesis 29:1 and 31:36-42:
 Genesis 37:28 and 41:51-52:

Exodus 2:21-22:

Galatians 1:1, 13-17:

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6) Have you ever experienced a season in a foreign place (literally or figuratively) that initially seemed wasted or meaningless but turned out to be God's training ground? If so, tell about it.

Read Exodus 2:23-3:10.

- 7) Exodus 2:24 says, "God heard their groaning and remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." What was His covenant with these Patriarchs? See Genesis 12:2-3, 7, together with Exodus 3:17.
- 8) From Exodus 3:2-6 and Deuteronomy 4:24, identify "*the angel of the Lord*" who appeared to Moses in a burning bush.
- 9) Read Acts 7:23-30.
 - a) How long had Moses been in the desert caring for sheep when the angel of the Lord met him?
 - **b)** Had Moses been correct in his assumption that God would use him to rescue His people (Acts 7:35 and Exodus 3:10)?
 - c) In light of your answers, why do you think Moses was surprised (Exodus 3:11) by God's call?
 - d) Specifically, how does this story encourage you regarding God's timetable and your usefulness to Him (include details specific to your own life and circumstances)?

<u>Read Exodus 3:11 - 4:31</u>. **10)** According to 3:11 - 4:13, what excuses did Moses give for not believing God could use him?

11) How did God answer Moses' final objection (4:14-16)? What does Exodus 4:27-31 imply about Aaron's willingness to obey God?

12) Exodus 4:31 says that when the Israelites "heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped." Tell about a time when the Lord reminded you of His knowledge of your circumstances and His personal concern. Then finish the following sentence: "Lord, today I will praise you for your knowledge and concern for me regarding…"

<u>Read Exodus 5:1 – 7:7.</u>

- **13)** Record the following names from Exodus 6:14-25 (including verse numbers): Moses' and Aaron's great-grandfather (or oldest named ancestor):
 - Moses' and Aaron's grandfather (or second oldest named ancestor):
 - Moses' and Aaron's father:
 - Aaron's four sons:

Aaron's grandson:

- 14) Which phrases summarize:
 - a) the way Pharaoh handled his concern that Moses would encourage rebellion (from Exodus 5:6-21)?
 - b) the Israelites' attitude toward Moses (from Exodus 5:6-21)?
 - c) the Lord's intent and promise to Israel (from Exodus 6:2-8)?
 - d) God's motive in using miraculous signs and wonders to deliver Israel from Egypt (from Exodus 7:1-6)?
- **15)** Reread Exodus 5:22-23. What can you learn from the way in which Moses related to God? How will you apply this in your own prayer life?