

Life Group Discussion Guide Moses: The Shaping of God's Servant Development in the Desert – Exodus 2:11-25 Scott Paulson October 23, 2022

Main thought:

When we find ourselves in desert times, even desert times of our own making, God does not abandon His promises nor does He stop shaping us to be His servants.

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Ice-Breaker (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

• If you were stranded on a deserted island what are 2 items you'd want with you? Why?

Digging In (suggested time 15 min)

Allow several in your group to read Exodus 2:11-25 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- Read Acts 7:30. It may surprise you to know Moses was in the desert for 40 years before he encountered the burning bush. Why is it important to know this aspect of Moses' life?
- Consider what thoughts Moses might have had about himself, about his people in Egypt and about God during this desert time? (see Exodus 2:22)
- What differences do you see in how Moses comes to the aide of the women at the well (v.17) versus how he came to the aide of the Hebrew who was being beaten by the Egyptian slave master (vv.11-12)?
- What lessons do we see from the desert in Moses' life? Which one stood out to you as one you need to recognize and remember in your life right now?
 - 1. You can serve without being superior.
 - 2. You can rescue without recognition.
 - 3. You can prepare just by being patient.
- What hope does God's response to the cry of the Hebrew people bring to you?



Further Reflection (suggested time 10 minutes)

- What parallels do you see between Moses' life and Jesus' life?
 - Read through Matthew chapters 2-4 for some parallels.

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- What application did you most need to hear and apply from this message?
- How has or how is God using desert times to shape you to be His servant?
- What encouragement do you need take away regarding God hearing, remembering, seeing, and acting on our behalf when we are in desert times?

Spend time gathering prayer requests, praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 20 minutes)