

Session 4 ${f Moses}$ Small Group Discussion Guide

Exodus 1-12, 24, 32; Numbers 13-14; Deuteronomy 28, 30

Be sure to watch the accompanying session led by Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri, then use this guide to help lead a small group discussion afterward!

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Discussion Questions

- 1. The Hebrew word for "serve" is "Avad." It is used to describe the physical toil and labor of the Israelites, but also connotes both work and worship. Therefore, the Israelites were not only held captive physically, but spiritually as well. This theme of freedom to worship is critical for understanding the Exodus narrative. What did you learn about "serving" God in the chapter?
- 2. God inflicted the plagues on Egypt and demonstrated His power over the pagan gods. What are some of the "pagan gods" of the culture we live in (i.e. success, popularity, fitness, education, or technology)? How can these things become idols in our lives? In what ways could we "sacrifice" these idols?
- 3. The Passover was a bold challenge to the Israelites to make their faith public in a hostile environment. How does this challenge relate to us as Christians today? Have you ever felt like God was calling you to display your faith publicly though you knew it might not be well-received? How did it turn out?
- 4. Why was the sin of the Golden Calf so serious?
- 5. Like the Israelites, sometimes we might have moments of deep closeness to God. At other times, we might turn away from him. How is God calling us to respond in each of these situations?