

A word on recording the sessions. Come talk to me if you want something omitted.

Opening Prayer:
Preparation For Deliverance:

What kind of person has these traits?

- Effective Communicators. Able to clearly and concisely explain problems and solutions. ...
- Accountable and Responsible. ...
- Long-term Thinkers. ...
- Self-motivated. ...
- Confident. ...
- People-oriented. ...
- Emotionally Stable.

A leader born:

Read Ex. 2:1-10:

1. 2:2 Did the Levite woman obey Pharaoh's earlier command?
2. 2:5-6 What about Pharaoh's own daughter? Does she obey the king of Egypt?
3. God prepared Moses first by protecting him! If Pharaoh had known this, what must he have thought of this? (2:8). Who did God use to deliver his people? What else happens under mighty Pharaoh's nose?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. 2:9 How else has God provided for Moses? How does Pharaoh's daughter offer to help? What can one expect from a God who provided for Moses?
 - a.
 - b.
5. Consider again Ex. 1:16. Remember how Pharaoh planned to stop God's act of multiplying the Israelites? Who does this show to be the true king of Israel? How does God act as a deliverer even in chapter 1 through the midwives? Recall how the midwives get names, but the "mighty" king of Egypt doesn't!
 - a.
 - b.

Hinting at Traits of the Leader:
Read (Chapter 2:11-25):

1. What kind of leader would Moses be, as one named because Pharaoh's daughter "drew him out of water?" (Ex. 2:10). Consider: Ex. 2:15-17, 19. If you really don't mind plot spoilers, check out especially Ex. 14, 15:23-27, 17:6.
 - a.
2. What is the symbolism of water, which is attached to Moses?
 - a.
3. Hopefully you aren't cheating and looking ahead, but if you needed help: you might consider Noah and the flood (Gen. 6:7; 7:6, 17-21). What does God's use of water in the flood say about how he delivers? Also consider 1 Peter 3:18-21. Did you ever consider what God is doing in baptism?
 - a.
 - b.
4. Considering both the killing and the saving ideas found in water, what kind of leader might Moses be? What kind of deliverance might God bring through his servant?
 - a.
5. Also, note in Ex. 2:14. What does the Hebrew call Moses? Do you suppose Moses may take on this very role later?
 - a.

Yahweh Meets Moses:

Read Ex. 3:1-9

1. Note how God appears in a burning bush. How will God again reveal himself? See Ex. 24:17.
 - a.
2. What is it that the people said to God? See Ex. 2:23. How does God respond? What promise does he make? See Exodus 3:7-10.
 - a.
 - b.
3. Why does God offer to do this? See Ex. 2:24.
 - a.

A Shaking Leader, A Sign - Giving God:

Read Ex. 3:11-4:17

1. 3:20 Note the use of the word "strike." Just as Moses struck the Egyptian (2:12), so God will strike the Egyptians through Moses by God's signs.
 - a.
2. What promises of God do we see here? See 3:12, 15, 17-18, 21-22. How will God keep these promises?
 - a.

- b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
3. Not only is Moses a murderer who did not trust God to protect him but instead fled from Pharaoh, here, when God calls him to be a leader, Moses rejects the call! How does he reject his call? See especially 3:11,13; 4:1,10,13 for Moses' excuses.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 4. How does God assure Moses' success? See Ex. 3:12, 14ff, 4:2-9, 11-12, 14-17 for God's assurances and signs. Consider: what does this passage say about Moses as a leader? What does it say about God, who uses Moses? What comfort can we have from God's faithful patience and provision to Moses?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 5. See 4:11. Who is responsible for Moses' inability to speak? Why might God do this?
 - a.

Look:

We have learned a few things about leaders in the church and God's deliverance. How might this be an encouragement to you this week?

Took:

I encourage you to do these two things:

1. Meditate on God's protection and provision to Moses by reading over Exodus 2-4 on your own or with a friend or family member.
2. Meditate on your own weaknesses. How is God working through that?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for giving us the narrative of Moses. What an incredible witness of your love and power for your people! That you could use a man like Moses to deliver the Israelites. Lord, because of this example, there is hope for us. We ask that you would give us this hope -- that we may be encouraged that you are using us too. No matter the defects we may have, you are able to deliver your people through sinful leaders. In Jesus' name, amen.