

Study Notes

DISCUSSION

1. There are a # of quietly (not “unsung”) heroes in the first two chapters of Exodus, ie. Shiphra and Puah and Jochebed and Miriam – all women! What women in your life have been heroes to you?

2. Talk about what stood out to you about Sunday’s message: lessons learned or lingering questions.

BIBLE

3. Keeping in mind how many times the law of the land was violated in the first two chapters of Exodus – **Read Mt. 12:1-8**. How is religious law violated here? What are the strengths and dangers of this approach to moral decision making?

4. **Read Ex. 2:11-15**. How do you respond to someone who tries to justify killing someone else (ie. justifiable war theory) as o.k. because there’s lots of killing and war in the bible?

APPLICATION

5. What’s in a name? What’s your name? What does it mean? How and where will you let God name you in His story this week? What opportunities exist to partner with Him in doing the right things? Talk about them. Share ideas. Pray for each other.

6. Identify any of your prejudices towards a person or people group. Ask God to forgive you for them. Get to know those people by their story and by their name.

Series: Would the REAL GOD please stand up!

Part One: The Book of Names

Sunday Feb. 12, 2017

Text: Exodus 1-2

1. “Exodus” is a Greek word meaning “EXIT.”

2. The Hebrew name for the book of Exodus is “Shemot” – which means “The Names.”

3. Plan A: Work them to death.

Plan B: Use midwives to murder Jewish babies at birth.

Plan C: Throw the Jewish babies into the Nile to drown.

4. The word for “basket” here is the word for “ark.”

5. The name “Moshe’ ” is a word-mash of the Hebrew word “Masha” – which means “to draw out” and the Egyptian word “Mos” which means “to be born.”

6. “Reul” is also called Jethro in Ex. 3:1. Many people are named in this story – just not Pharaoh.

Takeaways

1. Does it pay to disobey?

2. Is there a wrong way to do the right thing?

Time to Reflect

1. Are you prepared to make personal sacrifices to do the right things? How might you cultivate the kind of strong and compassionate and honest heart that it probably takes to be prepared?

2. Have you ever struggled with a bias or prejudice against another person or group of people? What has helped or hindered you to see people as equally loved and valued by God?