



MOSES

Moses - Week 4 Study Guide

OPEN

Read Exodus 5 aloud.

What one word would you use to describe the tone of chapter 5? Why?

REFLECT

Moses obediently goes to Egypt to confront Pharaoh. What do you think Moses expected to happen? What is surprising about the outcome? What is unsurprising?

What tactic does Pharaoh employ to undermine Moses? Why is it effective?

What does Moses' response to God in 5:22-23 reveal about his state of mind? About his faith?

APPLY

How does this week's text challenge the idea that our obedience obligates God to bless us and grant us an easy life? How does it challenge the idea that the Christian life is free from doubt?

How prone are you to discouragement when obedience to God does not yield an immediate, discernible blessing? What is a better motive for obedience than to gain a reward?

CLOSE

What attribute of God did you see in this week's passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TIME

Set aside time this week for your household to read Exodus 5. Then go through these questions together:

Have you ever expected one thing from God only to get something more disappointing?

Why do you think God doesn't just make our lives easier?

Are you ever tempted to give up when things get hard?

How can we lean on God when we feel like giving up?

MOMENTS

God never promises life will be easy. When you are tempted to take the easy way out, remember...

Colossians 3:23-24. "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."