



EXODUS & FREEDOM

Session 3: Exodus & Freedom

Small Group Guide

Warm up (activity to connect with the theme)

Can you think of ways the Exodus story still inspires our culture?
E.g. films (The Prince of Egypt), songs ('Bread of Heaven'), social justice movements (anti-slavery/trafficking), Moses baskets!

When or where do you feel most free? How does modern life make us feel trapped?

Message (summary video)

Watch the video by Andrew Ollerton that summarises the big theme from the Bible and its relevance to our lives.

Scripture readings (for the group to read together)

Exodus 14.13–14; 15.1–2, 11; John 8.31–32

Discussion time

- What are your initial reactions to the film?
- How does Western culture tend to define freedom?
- What feels like your 'Egypt' or Pharaoh-like challenge at the moment?
- How did Moses and Miriam celebrate the Exodus deliverance (Exodus 15)? How can we celebrate and affirm our freedom through Jesus?
- In what ways do we experience increased freedom when we choose to live God's way (Exodus 19.4–6)? How have you experienced this personally?
- How has Jesus fulfilled the story of Exodus in the ultimate sense (John 8.31–32)?
- Overall, how can the story of Exodus help us discover greater freedom in our lives?

Response time (A reflection to lead into prayer time)

Listen to the song 'No longer slaves' (Bethel Music). Thank God for the freedom we have in Jesus and pray for his help to live free and bring freedom to others.

Daily content

Continue the journey this week by reading the daily chapters of content and Scriptures in the series book by Andrew Ollerton, *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life* (Hodder).

