

Life of Moses Study (September 13, 2020)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Exodus 2:1-10

1. How did the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth mirror those of Moses (Exodus 1:7-22 and Matthew 2:1-18)?
2. The names of Moses's parents are not given in this chapter. His father's name was Amram (meaning "exalted people"). His mother's name was Jochebed (meaning "The Honor of Jehovah"). What do you learn about these parents from the meaning of their names, this week's passage, Exodus 6:16-20; and Hebrews 11:23?
3. What does Exodus 2:2; Acts 7:20; Hebrews 11:23 reveal about Moses as a child? For what do you think his parents hoped regarding God's purposes for their son? Why do you surmise that these descriptions are included in Scripture?
4. Moses was placed in a basket. The word basket is related to an Egyptian word that is also the basis of the Hebrew word for Noah's boat or ark (tebah). This occurs nowhere else in Scripture except in Exodus 2 and in the Flood account (Genesis 6:14-9:18). What theological connections do you find possible between these two events?

5. Describe the steps Moses's mother took in preparation to put her child onto the Nile in trust that God would care for him. Share a time when you had to prepare to trust God with someone you loved.

6. In what unexpected ways did God care for Moses after his mother cast him onto the Nile? Share a time when God exceeded your expectations?

7. Identify each of the courageous actions of Moses's mother, sister, and Pharaoh's daughter.

8. What advantages do you imagine Moses had spending his formative years with his Hebrew family and then in Pharaoh's palace that would prepare him for God's calling as a leader (Acts 7:21-22)?

9. List the attributes of God evident in Exodus 2:1-10. Which of these do you find especially helpful to remember at this current time in your life?