

Never Beyond God's Reach Discussion Guide | March 1, 2020 Exodus 2:11-25 Questions for Study and Discussion

- ** Before you begin, please read Exodus 2:11-25.
- 1. Think back to your childhood: If someone had asked you in elementary school what your life would be like as an adult, what do you think you would have said?
- 2. In what ways is your life different now, than what you had expected then? What are some of the twists and turns that have led to where you are today?
- 3. From what you know of Moses' growing-up years in Pharaoh's court (see Exodus 2:1-10; Acts 7:20-22), what do you think he might have said about what his life would be like as an adult?
- 4. Where is Moses at the end of Exodus 2? How did he end up there?
- 5. Moses' brash decision in Exodus 2:12 led to his flight from his home, and decades of regret and "what if's." In your own words, explain how Moses very likely would have felt as if he was now outside of God's reach.
- 6. What is the meaning of the name Moses gives to his son in Exodus 2:22? What does this show us about how Moses was identifying himself, and his state of mind?
- 7. In what ways did Moses' time in the wilderness prepare him for leading God's people out of slavery, to the Promised Land?
- 8. Have you ever experienced a time "in the wilderness"? What did this look like? In what ways did this time shape you?
- 9. Even when Moses may have thought he was outside of God's reach, God was shaping him. How does this give perspective to how God wants to use twists and turns in your own life? (See also Romans 5:3-4 and James 1:2-4.)
- 10. How is Exodus 2:11-25 a picture of this statement: "No matter what you've done or where you are, you are never out of God's reach"? (Hint: Focus especially on Exodus 2:23-25.)
- 11. How does Jesus' saving work for us provide an even greater picture of this same truth (that you are never out of God's reach)?
- 12. What have you learned from Exodus 2:11-25 that can sustain you through life's twists and turns, and situations you look back on with regret? What practically can you do to apply this or keep this in mind?
- 13. **Challenge: Memorize Romans 5:3-4:** 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.