

Exodus
Hide Out or Drawn Out- Week #2
Small Group Notes
August 13 and 16

Main Point: We learn what it means to be drawn out or to hide out in our lives.

Introduction:

There are Youtube videos that are called “Extreme hide and seek challenges.” In these videos, people compete against one another to find what they think are the best hiding places.

Have you ever played hide and seek with a child that only tried to hide their face? This resembles our lives so often when we try to hide our lives and yet God wants to draw us out.

In this passage, we see through the events of the birth of Moses the way that God moves us from a place of hiding out to drawing us closer to Him. The examples that we will see are the lengths that a mother was willing to make to protect her child, the law that a daughter was willing to break to show mercy, and the greatness of God on display to draw both Moses and eventually an entire nation to worship Him alone!

Before you begin read Exodus 2:1-10

Discuss:

1. Drawn out people know they can't be free until they realize what enslaves them.

- We are sinners by birth, by choice, and by the world. Read Ezekiel 20:8; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 1 John 2:16

Explain: During an era that undoubtedly experienced a high infant mortality rate, the baby Moses was born beautiful and healthy. Unfortunately, this

was just the kind of child that Pharaoh had decreed be put to death. Moses' mother hid Moses for the first three months of his life.

Ask:

In the sermon, Pastor Brady relates the sin that enslaves us to living in Egypt. What is your Egypt? (Unhealthy relationships, view of self, addiction, prejudice, unforgiveness, complacency)

How did Moses' mother, Jochebed, show the Scriptural principle to "be in the world but not of the world"?

2. Drawn out people are tired of hiding. Read Exodus 2:3

Explain: As Moses got older, it would've been more difficult to conceal his cries from searching ears looking for Hebrew infant boys. In an act of love and desperation, Jochebed hid her son in a papyrus basket that was waterproofed by asphalt and pitch.

Ask:

Read Psalm 139:23-24. How have you asked the Lord to search you recently?

Read Psalm 32:3-5. Is there an area of your life that you are tired of hiding? Who is someone that you can share about an area you are hiding?

3. Drawn out people fear the right things. Read Exodus 2:5-8

- Read Hebrews 11:23. Those who hide out are super concerned about the words of others and not near as concerned about the words of God!
- Misplaced fear will keep you in hiding all your life.

Explain: Similar to the actions of the midwives from Exodus 1, the actions of Pharaoh's daughter continue the undermining of his plans by women, though he considered daughters safe enough to let them live (1:16,22).

Ask:

How do the actions of Pharaoh's daughter reflect an unexpected act of mercy? Have you ever received unexpected mercy? Who are some

people around your life that you need to show mercy to that may not expect it?

In this account, we see God take a seemingly impossible situation and provide an ideal opportunity. Have you ever witnessed God work in a similar way in your life? Explain.

4. Drawn out people believe that what they pick up is far better than what they lay down. Read Exodus 2:9-10.

- Drawn out people are motivated by the greatness of God.

Explain: The intricacy of God's working in our world can sometimes be imperceptible to us because we do not know what He knows. Of all the Hebrews who were being oppressed in their labor while Pharaoh's daughter was bathing in the Nile, none would have imagined that God was at work, making sure their future deliverer survived the royal execution decree.

Ask:

Has there been a time in your life when God has called you to give up something you care deeply about for a greater purpose? How difficult was it to trust God in this moment?

What evidence of divine orchestration do you see in the circumstances surrounding Moses' birth and adoption? How does it impact you knowing God is just as mindful of you as He was of Moses?

Do:

How would you answer this question: will you be drawn out or will you hide out?

How do you handle seasons of adversity when God's moving may be imperceptible to you? What are some ways we can prepare now to face those challenges when they arrive?