



a survey of the Bible

Exodus and the promised land

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[If you've decided to get people to research various questions raised as we're going through this survey of the Bible – make sure time's set aside for this each week.]

1. Read Exodus 3:1-12

- i) Consider the context in verse 1. Why might Moses have been tempted to think, "God could never use me"? What can make us feel like that?
- ii) What do verses 7-9 reveal about God's heart for his people and for the broken & oppressed?
- iii) Despite his limitations, in verses 10-12 Moses got called into action. In what ways do we sense that God is calling us into the action? What part can we play in God's mission to help those in need?

2. The Exodus of God's people out of Egypt is "the greatest redemptive event in the Old Testament," says Don Carson. Look up these references to the Exodus. What is the purpose of these reminders? Exodus 20:2; Psalm 77:13-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 3:14-17; Acts 7:36-41, 51-53; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

3. Read about the exploration of Canaan ... Numbers 13:1-3, 17-30, 14:4-9. What lay behind the opposing views of the spies? Were Caleb & Joshua being unrealistically optimistic and refusing to face facts? What was the outcome of the people's fear and unbelief? After witnessing so many miracles why do you think they stopped trusting God? What can we learn from this?

4. Read Joshua 1:1-9. List the promises God made to Joshua. What conditions of success was he given? What picture do you build of Joshua in this opening chapter? What principles, warnings or encouragements can we apply to our own lives?

5. Read Hebrews 11:25-31 and spend time praying that faith would characterise our lives too.

Further study

- www.desiringgod.org/interviews/exodus-understanding-one-of-the-bibles-major-themes
- www.zachariastrust.org/does-the-bible-record-myths-or-actual-events
- Possible location of Sinai <https://youtu.be/YjrxHqNy5CQ>
- www.gotquestions.org/Canaanites-extermination.html