4. When you obey God and things get harder, not better, how do you tend to react?

What does *Romans 5:3-5* remind us about how we should respond?

What good comes from responding correctly?

5. The elders of Israel thought because God was on their side Pharaoh would respond to the words of Moses and Aaron.

What was the real problem with Pharaoh? Exodus 5:2

Should we be surprised when non Christians don't act like Christians?

6. When life did not go well, how did God's people respond? *Exodus 5:20-22*

How should they have responded?

Philippians 2:14-16

Hebrews 13:17

Taking it Home-

Spend time praying with and for each other (*Ephesians 1:15-20*) Pray for people in your Oikos, our church's ministries and for our nation.

God's Way Out

March 8, 2020

"Life Happens!" Exodus 4:24 -5:21

What should we remember when life happens?

1. Little things might be BIG things to God.

Exodus 4:24-26

I Peter 4:17- "For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

James 4:17- "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin."

John 13:17

2. It is good to remember <u>God</u> is always <u>worthy</u> of our worship.

Exodus 4:27-31

Romans 12:1- "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

I Chronicles 16:34- "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting."

3. The greatest need for everyone is **knowing** "who is the Lord" and obeying Him

Exodus 5:1-2

Exodus 14:4, 18

4. God's <u>plans</u> often do not proceed in the way we <u>expect</u> them to.

Exodus 5:3-19

Isaiah 55:8,9- "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways.' declares the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.'"

5. Those carrying out God's work may anticipate <u>opposition</u> even from the ones they are trying to help."

Exodus 5:20-22

John 1:9-12

Hebrews 12:2-3

So What...

Don't give up when life happens!

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting Connected

(A possible opening question to start your group)

Who has been the "meanest" boss you have ever had?

Going Further- Growing in Christ

1. The memory verse for the month-"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." II Corinthians 5:17

This week pray for Ron and Debbie Fuqua as they share Christ and help plant churches with Wycliff Bible Translators..

Share something from your Personal Time with God.

- 2. Re-read the text from *Exodus 4:24-5:21*. Which of the major points from Sunday's message applies to you the most?
- 3. Why or how is worship more than singing to God on a Sunday? *Exodus 4:29-31*

What is involved in worship?

John 4:23,24

Romans 12:1-2

I Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:23,24