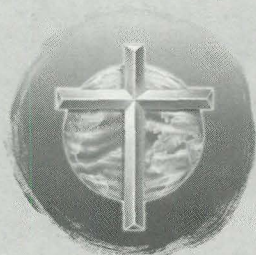


Study Guide





LifeLight Expands

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LifeLight Original Studies

(available until they are updated to new format, see schedule below)

Hebrews	Revelation	Ephesians 1 & 2	2 Corinthians	Daniel
Acts Pt 1	Isaiah Pt 1	Minor Prophets	Luke Pt 1	Selected Psalms
Acts Pt 2	Isaiah Pt 2	1 Corinthians	Luke Pt 2	Life of David

LifeLight New Format

(* all-new studies)

1 John	Matthew Pt 2	Genesis Pt 2	John Pt 1
* The Bible: An Overview	* Galatians/Phill/Col	Romans Pt 1	John Pt 2
Matthew Pt 1	Genesis Pt 1	Romans Pt 2	* 1 Peter/2 Peter
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LifeLight Foundations

Prophecy

LifeLight Release Schedule

(* all-new LifeLight ** all-new LifeLight Foundations)

Life Light - Exodus 2	4/03	* Life Light - Ruth/Esther	7/08
* Life Light - James/Jude	7/03	**Life Light Foundations - Triune God	10/08
**Life Light Foundations - Bible Feasts	10/03	Life Light - Minor Prophets	1/09
Life Light - Acts 1	1/04	Life Light - Daniel	4/09
Life Light - Acts 2	4/04	* Life Light - Mark	7/09
* Life Light - Proverbs	7/04	**Life Light Foundations - Ministry	10/09
**Life Light Foundations - Miracles	10/04	Life Light - Life of David	1/10
Life Light - Hebrews	1/05	Life Light - Selected Psalms	4/10
Life Light - Revelation	4/05	* Life Light - Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs	7/10
* Life Light - Timothy/Titus/Philemon	7/05	**Life Light Foundations - Creation/ New Creation	10/10
**Life Light Foundations - Law & Gospel	10/05		
Life Light - Isaiah	1/06	<u>Other Future Studies:</u>	
Life Light - Ephesians/Thessalonians	4/06	1st, 2nd & 3rd John	
* Life Light - Joshua	7/06	Job	
**Life Light Foundations - Cleansing Water	10/06	Wilderness Wanderings (Lev., Num. & Deut.)	
Life Light - 1 Corinthians	1/07	Ezra, Nehemiah	
Life Light - 2 Corinthians	4/07		
* Life Light - Judges	7/07		
**Life Light Foundations - Between the Testaments	10/07	<u>These helpful resources are now available:</u>	
Life Light - Luke Pt 1	1/08	Intro Kit	
Life Light - Luke Pt 2	4/08	LL for Little Ones	
		Self-stick notes	
		Cornerstones - leadership training videos	

Hopeless Suffering

Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.

Use *Enrichment magazine* pp. 2–3 with this session.

Exodus 1:1–2:25

An Opening Word

Exodus is one of the most important books in the Old Testament. It tells how God rescued Israel from slavery and made of them a unique covenant people. This is more than a study of ancient history. You will be reminded that the Lord has rescued you from slavery to sin. His overshadowing presence accompanies you on the way to the Promised Land. This study of God's Word can bring light to your life.

Plan to set aside a brief period of each day when you are most alert and least likely to be interrupted. If possible, have a regular time and specific place. Consider this your appointment with the Lord. Keep it as faithfully as you would keep an appointment with your doctor. If you miss one day, reschedule.

Begin each Bible study with prayer. This is God's book. To get the most from reading it, it's necessary to have the help of His Holy Spirit.

Each day for five days you will read a brief section of Scripture. As you read what happened to God's ancient people, put yourself into the picture. Be a participant, not just a spectator. The questions with each day's reading are meant to help you better understand the reading's meaning and how it can be applied to your life.

Bring your completed study sheet to the weekly assembly. The lecture will give background information. In the small-group discussion the class will go over questions answered during the week. You will want to participate in the discussions and share your answers.

Resources for Worship

Hymn

"Comfort, comfort these My people,
 Speak of peace!" so says our God.
 "Comfort these who sit in darkness
 Groaning under sin's dark rod.
 To my people I proclaim
 Pardon now in Jesus' name.
 Tell them that their sins I cover,
 That their warfare now is over!"

Yes, our sins the Lord will pardon,
 Blotting out each dark misdeed.
 All that well deserved His anger
 He no more will see nor heed.
 We who languished many a day
 Under guilt now washed away,
 We exchange our pining sadness
 For His comfort, peace, and gladness!

Johann Olearius; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Suggested Prayer before You Begin

Heavenly Father, as I study the Book of Exodus, I need Your help. Please guide me with Your Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to see truths You want me to take into my heart. While I study events that happened long ago, enable me to be more aware of Your presence and love in my life today. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 1

Day 1 • Read Exodus 1:1–11

1. The account of how Jacob's family came to Egypt is told in Genesis 37–50. If you are unfamiliar with this account or wish to refresh your memory, read a summary in Acts 7:8–15. There is a 400-year gap between the end of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus. What happened to the Israelites during this time (vv. 6–7)?

2. a. God chose to bless Abraham (Jacob's grandfather) and his descendants. The blessing was not instantly apparent. What had God forewarned in Genesis 15:13?

b. Nevertheless, what promise did God make in Genesis 15:14?

3. a. What blessings are promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17–18?

b. Which of these blessings threatened Egypt’s king (Exodus 1:10)?

c. Why didn’t Pharaoh send the Hebrews back to Canaan (v. 11)?

4. a. In this life we often have troubles. When your situation is difficult, how might Psalm 27:5 reassure you?

b. *Optional.* To which other Bible verses or truths would you turn for assurance?

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Day 2 • Read Exodus 1:12–22

5. What was the Egyptian king’s strategy in giving the command to the Hebrew midwives (v. 16)?

6. What made the midwives disobey the king’s command (vv. 17, 21)?

7. a. Under what circumstances is civil disobedience (disobeying the government) justified? (See Acts 5:29.)

b. **Challenge question.** What justification do these texts give for nonviolent protest against abortion, for example, picketing abortion clinics to discourage pregnant women from entering? Say why you believe Acts 5:29 and Exodus 1:17, 21 do or do not justify such actions. (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13–16; and Luke 1:41–44 speak to the abortion issue.)

8. If you can, tell of a time when fear (reverence) for God enabled you to do something you would otherwise have been afraid to do.

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Day 3 • Read Exodus 2:1–10

9. To rescue His people, God prepared a special leader. Name the courageous, compassionate women the Lord used to rescue Moses and explain what they did.

a. Verses 1–3 (see also Exodus 6:20)

b. Verses 4, 7 (see also Numbers 26:59)

The Lord Calls Moses to the Rescue

Distribute before session 2 for use in session 2.

Use *Enrichment magazine* pp. 4–5, 13–14.

Exodus 3:1–4:31

Resources for Worship

Hymn

Abide with us, our Savior,
Nor let Your mercy cease;
From Satan's might defend us,
And give our hearts Your peace.

Abide with us, our Helper,
Sustain us by Your Word;
Let us and all Your people
To living faith be stirred.

Abide with us, Redeemer,
O Light, eternal Light;
Your truth direct and guide us
To flee from error's night.

Abide among us always,
O Lord, our faithful friend,
And take us to Your mansions
When time and world shall end.

Josua Stegmann; tr. composite, alt.

Your Daily Prayer

Dear Lord, as I study how You called Moses, help me remember that You call me also. Jesus died for me that I might be Your own and serve You. Let me learn not just interesting facts but vital truths that will help me grow in faith. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 2

Day 1 • Read Exodus 3:1–12

1. Moses was 40 years old when he left Egypt (Acts 7:23) and spent 40 years tending the flocks of his father-in-law (Acts 7:30). In what ways would this length of time—and the place of Moses' sojourn—be advantageous to him later?

2. *For personal reflection; sharing optional.* God caught Moses' attention with a burning bush. How did the Lord first get your attention?

3. Moses felt unqualified to be the rescuer of Israel. What promise did God make (v. 12)?

4. a. What encouragement does God give to His people by making His nearness known to them? See Psalm 23:4.

Isaiah 41:10

Matthew 28:20

b. Tell about a time when God seemed especially near to you.

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Day 2 • Read Exodus 3:13–22

5. God identified Himself as "I AM." Centuries later Jesus identified Himself as God by using the term "I AM." Look up the following references and complete the statements Jesus begins by saying, "I AM . . ."

Meditate on the joy, power, and wonder of each and respond to Jesus in words or thoughts of thanks and praise.

John 8:12

John 10:7

John 10:11

John 11:25

John 14:6

6. a. What would Moses give up by leaving Midian?

b. What might he expect to face upon his return to Egypt?

Exodus 2:15

Exodus 4:1

c. What reassurance did God give Moses to counteract his fears?

Exodus 3:18

Exodus 3:21

Exodus 4:19

7. God promised He would bring the Israelites out of misery to the Promised Land. He chose Moses as the instrument to carry out His will. God wants all people to be saved from the misery of sin (1 Timothy 2:4).