



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 10.8.23
Exodus 5 // Pastor Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- Joe mentioned on Sunday that Pharoah asking the Israelites to make bricks without straw would be like trying to make cookies or bread without flour. Have you ever made a recipe and forgotten an essential ingredient? Share your story.

EXPLORE (45 MIN)

Create Context (10 min):

1. Read Exodus chapter 5 out loud together.
2. Watch the weekly sermon recap video [HERE](#) (4:07)

Study & Discussion (40 min)

Note to leaders: For those of you who know you won't get through all the questions, please make time for application and prayer in your group.

- ① Moses and Aaron might have expected God to work faster than He actually did when it came to delivering the Hebrew people. Name some other places in Scripture where God's deliverance was delayed or came in an unexpected way.
 - Can you think of a time in your life when your expectations did not align with God's actions or reality?
 - Is there a place or situation in your life where you are still waiting for God's deliverance or timing?
- ② Consider God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 and the situation in which the Israelites find themselves in Exodus chapter 5. God has promised blessing, and yet in the beginning of Exodus His people find themselves in the midst of intense suffering. How do blessing and suffering coexist in this life for the Christian today?
- ③ Read Exodus 2:11-15 and compare it to Exodus 5:20-23. In both passages, Moses tries to intervene on behalf of his people, and his attempts are seemingly unsuccessful. In what ways have we seen growth in Moses based on his responses in each passage? How are these vignettes similar and how are they different?



- ④ Read Exodus 5:22-23 again. Look also at Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26:36-39. How are Moses' prayer in Exodus 5 and Jesus' prayer in Matthew 26 similar? How are they different?

- ⑤ In his sermon on Sunday, Joe invited us to pray to God, "Even when I don't understand, help me to trust you." Where in your life do you need to pray this prayer today?



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A Pastoral Theology of Suffering // Derek Thomas

- <https://journal.rts.edu/article/a-pastoral-theology-of-suffering/>

The Doctrine of Suffering // David Platt

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/the-doctrine-of-suffering>

An Introduction to Exodus // Free Online Course

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-exodus/#overview>

APPLY (20 MIN)

Based on what we talked about today, where could you encourage someone in your LifeGroup as they strive to trust the Lord and His timing with faith and trust?

"I Will" Statements

As a result of what I've learned this week and what the Holy Spirit is impressing upon my heart, I will respond in obedience by _____.

Accountability

Depending on the time, rhythm, and makeup of the group, this can be done together or by separating into smaller groups (if the group is large) or by gender (if the group is mixed).

We suggest using 2-3 of the accountability questions found at cvconline.org/relate each week.

PRAY (15 MIN)

During your time of study and application, there may be prayers that rise to the surface for individuals or the group. Take those things collectively to the Lord in prayer. We would also encourage your group to make a list of people that you are praying for to trust Jesus as the leader and forgiver of their life. Pray for the list often and hold one another accountable to share the good news as the Holy Spirit provides and prompts.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

CVC YOUNG ADULTS

Eat, Sip, and Drive: October 21st

Join CVC Young Adult ministry for a progressive dinner style event. Groups will travel to a variety of locations, eat together, play games, and fellowship with one another. Register by scanning the QR code or clicking the link [HERE](#).



CVCKIDS

Trunk or Treat: October 29th

You're invited to join us for Trunk or Treat, a fun, family event for our church family and surrounding communities. Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29 from 4 - 6 pm.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Night Of Worship: November 1st

You are invited to a CVC Night of Worship on Wednesday, November 1 from 7-9pm at the BVH campus. Join us as we sing together, pray together, and read God's Word together. This Worship Night is open to all, and free childcare is provided! It's a great opportunity to come together to praise God, and it's also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to worship alongside you. We are looking forward to this time together - hope to see you there!

SAVE-THE-DATES

Sunday Sessions Mini Series Kickoff: Church History // October 22

CVC Men's Retreat // November 17 - 18

CVCYouth Impact Fall Retreat // November 17 - 19