



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

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Kyle mentioned that snakes were a popular symbol in Egyptian culture during this time. As a way to get to know one another better - what is something that you are afraid of? Snakes, spiders, dying alone? Go as deep as you please!

EXPLORE (45 MIN)

Create Context (10 min):

1. Read Exodus chapter 7:1-13 out loud together.
2. Watch the weekly sermon recap video [HERE](#).

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 Parts of Exodus 7 are primarily a summary of what we have already read. Kyle shared that the author does this so that we remember where we have come from. Other passages of Scripture call us to remember something, also.
 - o Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and then 2:11-22. In light of verses 1-10, Paul's first command is to remember. Why do you think we are commanded to remember in various passages of Scripture?
 - o For further conversation on the topic of remembering, read 2 Peter 1:3-12.
 - o Why is it beneficial to intentionally remember in our Christian walk?
- 2 Exodus chapters 6 and 7 repeat phrases from earlier chapters. Use Kyle's key concepts chart below to compare and contrast how God speaks about and to the Israelites in the earlier chapters versus how he speaks about the Egyptians in chapter 7.
 - o How does this deepen our understanding of the book of Exodus?

Reference and Concept	Linked references
Exodus 6:28-30 (I am of unclean lips)	Exodus 6:10-13
Exodus 7:1 (Make you like God)	Exodus 4:16
Exodus 7:3 (Harden Pharaoh's heart)	Exodus 3:19, 4:21
Exodus 7:4 (Great acts of Judgement)	Exodus 3:20, Exodus 4: 1-9, E
Exodus 7:5 (Knowing the LORD)	Exodus 5:2, Exodus 6:7



- ③ • Kyle mentioned that as we read difficult passages of Scripture, we must keep God’s character in mind. If we come to conclusions that are contradictory to God’s character, then we have come to wrong conclusions and must reevaluate our understanding of God based on Scripture. Below are the references Kyle used to remind us of God’s character. Read these passages out loud and make a list of God’s characteristics before we dive into the more confusing, and possibly difficult, passages from this week’s text.
 - a. Exodus 34:6
 - b. Psalm 89:14
 - c. Jeremiah 17:10

- ④ • In Romans 1:18-32, Paul details the process of how God “gives humanity up” to its suppression of truth, its claims to be wise, and its worship of idols. These verses explain what God is doing in Exodus in the heart of Pharaoh in deeper detail. Work together to explain the process of the hardening of the heart that we see in Romans and how it applies to Exodus 7:3.

- ⑤ • Kyle mentioned that there are areas that are within our responsibility that we withhold from God’s authority, reasoning away our need for submission in these areas. Are there any areas in your life that God is “poking at” that you would be willing to share with the group?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Knowing the Bible - Exodus - The Gospel Coalition](#)
- [“God’s Grace is Mind-Blowing” - Desiring God](#)
- [Knowing the Bible - Romans - Week 3: God’s Righteousness in His Wrath against Sinners \(Rom. 1:18-3:20\) - The Gospel Coalition](#)

APPLY

“I Will” Statements

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? 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

Week of 10.22.23

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

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

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!

CVC YOUTH

Impact Fall Retreat: November 17-19

All high-school students are invited to bring a Bible, a cozy blanket, and their favorite game for this short weekend away. Students can expect to dive deep into the Bible to learn more about how God intends for us to understand His Word. Registration is now open [HERE](#).



SAVE-THE-DATES

CVC Young Adults Thanksgiving Potluck: November 14

CVC Men's Retreat // November 17 - 18