



242 Small Group Study Guide Moses' Faithful Mother

The Hebrew people knew the stories of Joseph and Jacob and how they'd settled in Egypt four centuries ago on Pharaoh's dime. But that was then and this is now – and now, they were slaves. Some might have thought it was 430 years too late, yet God's plan for deliverance was right on schedule. His servant Moses was born during the rule of a tyrannical Pharaoh whose infanticide program was aimed at annihilating the nation of Israel. Ironically, baby Moses was delivered from danger when Pharaoh's daughter rescued him from the Nile, hired his mother to nurse him, and raised him as a royal son.

The story of God's people had just begun. God delivered His people from bondage in Egypt as an early clue of the deliverance that Christ would bring. It would be centuries before Jesus would come as God's perfect Passover Lamb and secure deliverance for His people. Yet the blood of Passover is a long shadow of what

was to come when the Lamb of God set foot on the stage of history. These miracles were merely a hint of things to come; the *I AM* is still our Deliverer.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: Share a time when God delivered you from a close call, such as death or danger.

1. How did Moses' life experiences prepare him for God's call? What life experience could God use to minister to others through you?
2. In the same way that God used Moses to set the Israelites free from slavery, He uses us to help people find freedom in Christ. Discuss your experiences with sharing your faith; what inhibitions keep you from doing so?
3. When Moses asked for God's "official" name, God replied: *I AM WHO I AM*. Why do you think God identified Himself that way? What is the significance of that name? What does this name for God tell us about Him?
4. When Moses tells Pharaoh to set the Israelites free, he responds by increasing their workload. Recall a time when you were obedient to God, but the situation worsened instead of improved. What life lessons can be drawn from these examples?
5. While this story has many obvious displays of God's wrath, we also learn a lot about God's goodness. List the ways this story shows God's goodness.
6. Even after being delivered, the people of Israel continue to grumble. Do you know any grumblers? Are you one? How does perpetual dissatisfaction affect those in its orbit?

