

# LIFE GROUP STUDY 2020

# **OPERATION OVERLORD PART 1**

(Exodus 3)

#### **OPERATION OVERLORD PART 2**

(Exodus 7-12)

## WHO IS GOD

(Exodus 33:12-34:10)

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(Exodus 20:1-21)

# LOOK UPON IT AND LIVE

(Numbers 21:4-9)

#### **INTRODUCTION TO EXODUS AND NUMBERS**

For an introduction to Exodus and Numbers, watch the following two clips from *The Bible Project:* 

Exodus 1-18:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=7&v=jH\_aojNJM3E&feature=emb\_logo

Exodus 19-40:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNpTha80yyE&feature=emb\_logo

Numbers:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tp5MIrMZFqo&feature=emb\_logo

## Why should we care?

Although the Old Testament language of these books can seem tedious and irrelevant, these works are actually revealing what it means for a Holy, galaxy-forming being to reach out and even dwell in the midst of a bunch of unholy, sinful human beings. God dwelling with us means a whole lot of requirements for the human race to fulfil in order to be in the presence of such magnificence. Yet we also see in these books God's incalculable grace. He is not only choosing to dwell amongst the ones he loves, but through acts like the Exodus and revelations like the Law (10 commandments), he is showing us his character, and giving us a way to be truly human. These books are also essential in setting up the themes of liberation, the Passover and God's desire to be with us – themes that are ultimately fully realised in Jesus Christ.

# OPERATION OVERLOD – Exodus 3

<u>Intro:</u> Can you remember a season in your life when God called you to fulfill a kingdom task?

Or are you currently serving God right now in a specific way, describe?

Or do you feel that the Lord is calling you into a kingdom task but you have some reservations?

Or if there was something that you would really love to do with Jesus what would it be?

Take some time to familiarise yourself with the back story of Exodus...Chapters 1-2.

READ Exodus 3:10-15

- 1. Moses asked God his name, how did God respond?
- 2. God said, I AM WHO I AM and then I AM has sent me to you. God doesn't seem to initially answer with his name rather his being. Why do you think God responded in this way?
- 3. Read Exodus 3:15, God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD... God finally gives his name Yahweh. What is the connection between God's Being and Name?
- <u>4.</u> Why was this interaction with God crucial to Moses accepting God's task?

**FACT**: In the Old Testament Gods personal name *Yahweh* is used 4,500 times. Each Time it is used it reconnects the reader back to his being of I AM or GOD IS WHO HE IS!

<u>5.</u> How can this experience and understanding of God help open our life up to the call of God?

# READ: Exodus 4:1-13

- <u>6.</u> Moses experiences God and then shrinks into a world of self doubt. What were Moses Excuses for why he can't serve Yahweh?
- 7. How did God respond to Moses' excuses?
- 8. Read Exodus 4:20. Why do you think that Moses eventually grabbed the staff and went back to Egypt?
- 9. God has Kingdom purposes and tasks for us to serve in, what stops you from grabbing hold of Kingdom tasks?

**REFLECTION**: What steps can you take to grab hold of the metaphorical staff that God wants to put in your hand?

The Symmetrical Literary Design of Genesis 1	
COSMIC DOMAINS	INHABITANTS
1. Time (vv. 3-5)	4. Luminaries (vv. 14-19)
2. Dome Ceiling (vv. 6-8) - Sky (vv. 6-7a) - Seas (v. 7b)	5. Inhabitants (vv.20-23)  – Fish in the Seas  – Birds in the Sky
3. Dry Land (vv. 9-10) Vegetation (vv. 11-12)	6. Land Animals (vv. 24-25) Humans (vv. 26-31)
7. God's "Rest" = 'beginning to rule'	

(taken from The Bible project)