



## Part 4 The Exodus to the Promised Land

### INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

#### ▶ God's Divine Drama of Salvation

- ⇒ Prologue (Genesis 1-11)
  - Creation / Fall of Man
  - Flood / Destruction of Man
  - Babel / Dispersion of Man
- ⇒ Act 1: Salvation Provided (Genesis 12 - John 21)
- ⇒ Act 2: Salvation Proclaimed (Acts 1 - Jude)
- ⇒ Act 3: Salvation Realized (Revelation 1-22)

#### ▶ Patriarchs: God births & builds a new nation of faith

- Ingredients of a Great Nation

① People      ② Order      ③ Land

#### ▶ Sojourn in Egypt: God causes Israel to grow

#### ▶ 10 Plagues God brought on Egypt (Exodus 12:12; Numbers 33:4)

LESSON: God is very exact in His judgment.

LESSON: God protects His children in times of judgment.

#### ▶ Exodus: God liberates Israel from bondage

- Goal of God's Great Drama (Exodus 9:13-16; Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14\*)

OBSERVATION: It took very little time to get Israel out of Egypt ... but it's going to take a lot longer to get Egypt out of Israel !

### FROM THE EXODUS TO THE PROMISE LAND

#### ▶ The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

- ① Do Not have or worship any other gods.
- ② Do not make any idols.
- ③ Do not misuse the name of God.
- ④ Keep the Sabbath day holy.
- ⑤ Honor your father and mother.
- ⑥ Do not \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑦ Do not commit adultery.
- ⑧ Do not steal.
- ⑨ Do not lie.
- ⑩ Do not covet.

#### ▶ Heading for the Promised Land / Kadesh Barnea: Cost of Rebellion & Unbelief

LESSON: Rebellion will bring God's work in your life to a screeching halt.

LESSON: There is no sin greater than unbelief.

LESSON: Only trust & obedience will lead to abundant living.

#### ▶ Days of Joshua: Radical Obedience → God's Blessing (Joshua 24:15)

- Entering, Conquering & Possessing the Promised Land

LESSON: Your sins & spiritual stoppiness cost others dearly!  
(Sin is never a private matter.)

Next Week: Route 66 Part 5: The Judges to the Making of a Great Nation  
(Judges to Solomon)

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of January 29-February 4, 2017

### Route 66 Series

#### The Exodus to the Promised Land

Exodus 13 - Joshua 24

Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

#### PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for making the Christian life a life of faith. We come to Christ by faith, and we are to live by faith trusting God in the good times and bad. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

#### MY STORY

When life gets difficult, what is your tendency:

- To trust God and press forward
- To question God and pull back
- To complain and grumble
- Other...

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What from Sunday's sermon gave you new insight into living the Christian life? Explain.
2. God desires that His people trust Him in the present based on His provision in the past. The following passages show some of the difficulties the Jews faced on their journey to the Promised Land. How did they respond to those difficulties, and what did this reveal about their trust level?  
**Exodus 14:5-31**  
  
**Exodus 15:22-25**  
  
**Exodus 17:1-7**
3. When has God changed a "bitter" or difficult experience into something "sweet" or meaningful in your life?

4. Read **Numbers 13:1-3,17-33** and **14:1-45** (take turns!) about what happened at Kadesh Barnea, and then answer the following questions

What reports did the spies give after going through the land? How did the different reports show faith or a lack of it? **Numbers 13:25-33**

How did most of the Jews respond when they heard the reports? What did Moses and Aaron do and say about it? **Numbers 14:1-9**

What devastating consequences resulted from the people's unbelief? **Numbers 14:28-37**

How does fear stop us from experiencing God's goodness?

#### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. Read **Numbers 21:4-9** and **John 3:14-18**. Briefly explain the connection between faith, fiery serpents, and Jesus.

#### TAKING IT HOME

1. On the Christian journey, how does our response to difficulties demonstrate our faith or lack of it?
2. Why is it often quite hard to trust God when difficulties come, and what do the following verses teach about the importance of living by faith?  
**Hebrews 11:6**  
  
**James 1:2-4**  
  
**Romans 8:28**
3. What difficulties/challenges have you recently faced? Have you found it hard to trust God in the midst of them?

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and spend time praising God and asking Him to increase your trust level no matter what difficulties you encounter as you journey through life.