**Exodus: Freedom to serve God**



**Introduction to the series**

1. Have a closer look at the image above, taken from the LICC guide to the book of Exodus… Is there anything that stands out to you at first glance, or which becomes apparent when you look more closely?
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jH_aojNJM3E> This link takes you to another video from The Bible Project, introducing the book of Exodus. Is there anything particular that strikes you about the story when it is presented in this way?
3. How would you summarise the key themes of the book as a whole? How do these relate to Jesus in the New Testament and to us as God’s people today?
4. How would you describe and exemplify the difference between “freedom from…” and “freedom to…”? How do you understand the title of the Exodus series ie “Freedom to serve”?

**Exodus 3:1-17, Hearing God’s Call**

**NMBC 8.9.24.**

**Key idea:**

* God is a God who speaks, and who calls each of us in a **personal** way, to serve him with a **purpose**, within the context of his **promises**, and assuring us of his **presence**.

**Key verse(s) – Exodus 3:10+12…**

* So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’…And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, youwill worship God on this mountain.’

**Important words and phrases**

* Calling, Relational, Personal, Purpose, Promises, Presence

**Questions for further reflection/discussion:**

1. What does this passage tell us about the nature and the character of God?
2. What do Moses’s questions reveal about his own character and state of mind?
3. Are you able to share a time when you felt inadequate or unsuitable for a difficult task you needed to do? Why do you think you felt like this? Were you ultimately able to do the task? If so, what was it that enabled you to go through with it?
4. Look at the name God gives himself and how he describes himself in verses 14+15… What is the significance of this, both in terms of what has gone before in the Old Testament and what is to come in the form of the new covenant through Jesus?
5. Why do you think God calls Moses, even though he could rescue the Israelites by himself, without Moses’s help? What implications does this have for us today?
6. How do you seek to “cultivate the presence of God” and to listen to his voice? Is there anything that you find particularly helpful, or that you struggle with?
7. Is there anything in your life, Monday through Sunday, that you sense God might be calling you to, whether within the church context or not?
8. Is there anything that you would like to do in response to this passage, other ways in which God is speaking to you?

**Prayer…**

* Spend some time in silence, allowing your mind to settle and inviting the Holy Spirit to speak to you about anything God wants you to hear…
* Pray into any of the areas you have reflected on or discussed above, or anything God has said to you as you’ve listened…
* Pray for the Special Church Meeting on 18th September.
* Pray for the time of retreat, Space2be@NMBC on 25th September.
* Pray for Yevhenii, Polina and family following the recent arrival of their daughter Solomiya and the fact that Yevhenii must remain in the Ukraine, despite Polina and the children being here in London.
* Pray for those you know in the church family who are unwell or are in need of special encouragement.
* Continue to pray for those who have recently started new schools and those who are leaving home to study at university.