

Family Discussion Guide



4 Weeks in Exodus:

1. What's in *Your* Hands?
2. Possessions That Can Change a Heart
3. Sharing Your Wealth: Changing Main Street
4. Changing the World: One Miracle at a Time

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Possessions

What's in your hands?



Exodus 4:1-5

Luke 20:45-21:4



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1. What's in *Your* Hands?

Observe:

1. Read the passages as a family
2. What are the most interesting parts of both stories?
3. What are the similarities of both stories?
4. How important were the possessions they both had?
5. How did God use both possessions?

Discover:

1. What possessions do you personally have?
2. How valuable are they?
3. Could God use them in a similar way?
4. How could you use them for God's honor?

Engage:

1. Make a list of what possessions you could give to God for his use.
2. As a family create a poster stating how God might use your possessions.
3. What could you do this week to offer them up to the Lord?



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Exodus 6-8

Luke 18:18-25



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2. Possessions That Can Change a Heart

Observe:

1. Read both passages
2. Discuss what the similarities are between Pharaoh and the Rich Ruler
3. What seems to be their problem?

Discover:

1. Compare the above problems with Matthew 6:19-24
2. In your opinion how can possessions change our hearts?
3. Read and list the "heart" applications in each passage: I Chronicles 29:13-14, Psalms 24:1, II Corinthians 9:6 and Philippians 4:1-13
4. Review how possessions can change a heart.

Engage:

1. Make an inventory of what your family does for others.
2. What might be the first steps you could take in allowing God to soften your hearts as a family?
3. As a group, write up a plan to work on generosity and contentment.
4. Why not hang a sign on the refrigerator reminding you of the plan?
5. As a family pray together asking God to change each person's heart by using possessions wisely.

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Exodus 4:5,6



Acts 2:37-47



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3. Sharing Your Wealth: Changing Main Street

Observe:

1. What was the purpose of the miracles in Exodus?
2. What impact did the use of a simple rod have on their community?
3. Read the Acts passage. List all the changes that took place because of the sharing of possessions.
4. Why do you think they were willing to sell their possessions?
5. In your opinion what was the result in the church?

Discover:

1. Have you ever had anyone give you something that was valuable? How did you feel?
2. If you were hungry would it make a difference in how you felt about the gift?
3. Read Exodus 12:29-36. What happened in the lives of the Israelites because Moses and Aaron were willing to give a simple Rod?

Engage:

1. Research how many homeless people are in Seattle area. How many children?
2. Are there ways you could help these people?
3. Field Trip: Why not volunteer to work at a food bank or shelter for an evening (Suggestion: Renewal Food Bank or Vision House).



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Exodus 6-8

Acts 13:1-6

Philippians 4:13-17



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4. Changing the World: One Miracle at a Time

Observe:

1. Review the story of the "Rod" in Exodus. How was it used in these chapters?
2. How many changes took place in the known world because Moses and Aaron were willing to commit their sole possession to God?
3. Read the story of the sending of Paul in the other references. Who financed his missionary trips?
4. How much of the world did he reach?
(Hint: survey the book of Acts).

Discover:

1. How is it possible that two men like Moses and Aaron could affect that much change in the world?
2. If you as a family wanted to change the world how would you go about it?
3. What size of a gift is needed to bring about worldwide change??
4. How much do you think the church in Corinth gave to support Paul?
5. What is your opinion? Is the ability to change the world with our possessions any different today than it was in Paul's day?

Engage:

1. Research how Evergreen Christian Fellowship is able to do its ministry: How do pastors get paid?
How does Student Ministries get supported?
How does the building get paid for?
How are the lights, heat and air conditioning paid for?
2. How do you as a family support the ministry?
3. Discuss how many ways you could bring about change in people's lives around the world with a few dollars.



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