Bible Stories for Adults
Israel Comes to Mount Sinai
Exodus 15 - 33

Opening

Gathering: Share something that happened to you that led you to Trust in the Lord.

Today’s Focus: God works actively in the lives of those He loves to enable them to become all He intends.

Key Verses:
Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. John 14:1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Trust in the Lord

Why did God go through the plague process to get His people out of Egypt?
Deuteronomy 29:2-3

Did the Israelites recognize God's almighty power and put their trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:4

Why did they need God's help? It looks pretty obvious to us.
1 Corinthians 2:7-10 (1-16)

How would God use Israel's events and experiences in the wilderness to teach them to trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:5-6

Did the miraculous Red Sea crossing have any affect on teaching the Israelites to Trust in the Lord?
Exodus 14:30-31

How long did this faithful trust last?
Exodus 15:22-24

Crisis & Trials (Exodus 14-17)

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Did God's intervention always achieve the desired results?
Numbers 14:11

What was God's intention when He intervened in a crisis?
Exodus 14:31-15:2
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Bread of Heaven  (Exodus 16)

How did God remind the Israelites every day to Trust in the Lord?
Exodus 16:17-21

Why were the people instructed to gather a double supply on the sixth day?
Exodus 16:23-27

What miraculous sign did God give for our crises and trials?
John 6:30-35

Organization  (Exodus 18)

What kind of leadership did the Israelites have at first?
Exodus 18:13-16 (18:1-16)

What was Jethro’s concern about this approach?
Exodus 18:17-18

What was Jethro’s recommendation?
Exodus 18:19-22 (18:19-27)

What other organizational steps did this new kingdom take?
- Numbers 1
- Numbers 2
- Numbers 3-4
- Numbers 10:1-10

Law & Legislation  (Exodus 19-31)

How long had Israel traveled when they reached Mount Sinai?
Exodus 19:1-3

How did Moses know that God would speak to him on Mount Sinai?
Exodus 3:12

What is the basic message God had for the Israelites on Sinai?
Exodus 19:4-6

How did Israel respond?
Exodus 19:7-8

Three types of Law in the Old Testament:
- Civil  - Exodus 21:33-34 (Exodus 21-23)
- Ceremonial  - Leviticus 23:26-27 (Leviticus)
- Moral  - Exodus 20:1-3 (Exodus 20)

Laws were made for a people, not a person

The Ten Commandments  - Exodus 20

1. Exodus 20:3-6 You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. Exodus 20:7 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother.
5. Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.
8. Exodus 20:16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. Exodus 20:17a You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
10. Exodus 20:17b You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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Luther’s Explanation

What is the summary of the first tablet of the Law (Commandments 1-3)?
Matthew 22:37-38 (Deut 6:5)
What is the summary of the second tablet of the Law (Commandments 4-10)?
Matthew 22:39-40 (Leviticus 19:18)
What is the summary of all the Commandments?
Romans 13:8-10

How well does God want us to keep His Commandments?
Matthew 5:48
James 2:10-11

Can man keep God’s Commandments as He wants us to keep them?
1 John 1:8

How, then, can anyone be saved by the Law?
Galatians 3:11

Where alone can we find salvation from sin?
Romans 10:4

What, then, is the purpose of the Law?
A curb
1 Timothy 1:8-9
A mirror
Romans 7:7
A rule
Psalm 119:1, 9 (Psalm 119)

The Golden Calf (Exodus 32-33)

How faithful were the Israelites while Moses receiving God’s Law on Sinai?
Exodus 32:1, 4 (1-6)

Which tablet had Israel broken?
Exodus 20

How did Moses react when he returned and how was his reaction appropriate?
Exodus 32:19-20 (15-20, 25-29)

How did Aaron explain what he had done?
Exodus 32:21-24

What was God’s initial response to this idolatry?
Exodus 32:9-10

How well did Moses pass this test?
Exodus 32:12, 14 (11-14)

How did Moses try to offer himself as atonement?
Exodus 32:30-32

What did God say that especially turned the Israelites to repentance?
Exodus 33:3-4 (32:30-33:6)

How did God respond when Moses asked God to stay with Israel?
Exodus 33:15-17 (7-23)
Rigid Discipline

How were the Israelites punished for the Golden Calf?
Exodus 32:20
Exodus 32:26-28
Exodus 32:35

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Summary - God formed His new nation through these things to teach them to

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Closing Prayer

Response

1. Do I trust in the Lord when I encounter crises and trials?
   (Exodus 14:10-12; 15:22-24; 16:2-3; 17:1-3; Psalm 27:1-5; 46:1-3; 56:3-4; 2 Peter 2:4-9)
2. Do I recognize the mighty acts and wonders God does in my life?
3. In what ways has God called me to lead in His kingdom and how have I responded?
   (Exodus 18:19-23; 28:1; 32:21-25; Numbers 3:5-10; 12:1-8; 16; Romans 12:4-8; Eph 4:11-16)
4. How do I view God’s Law and apply it to my life?  (Deuteronomy 5-6; Psalm 119)
5. When has God disciplined me as a loving father?  What effect has it had?
   (Exodus 32:25-35; Psalm 94:12; 119:67, 71; Hebrews 12:4-11; Revelation 13:19)