

THE STORY OF GOD: GOD CREATES A NATION

EXODUS 15-18 — JAN 3, 2010

How did God create the nation of Israel?

God called and changed Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)

God created offspring for Abraham.

God delivered Israel from Egypt.

God chose Israel to be His people (Deu 7:6); not because they were righteous (Deu 9:6) or because they were numerous (Deu 7:7), but because of His merciful love (Deu 7:8).

Why did God focus on a nation?

He placed Israel in the center of the nations (Eze 5:5)

He wanted Israel to show God's nearness and righteousness (Deu 4:7-8)

He did all this to display His glory through Israel (2Sa 7:23)

What do we learn about God as He leads Israel to Sinai?

God provides for His people (Exo 15:22 - 17:7).

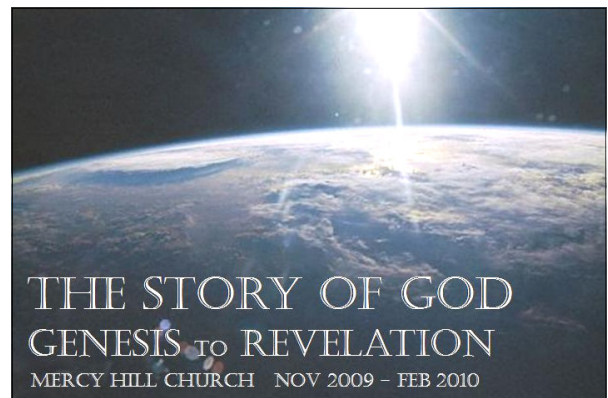
God responds to His people when they pray (Exo 17:8-16).

God welcomes Gentiles who trust Him (Exo 18:1-12)

What's the take-away?

Feast on God as He reveals Himself in the Old Testament.

Trust God to
provide for you,
respond when you pray,
welcome you as you trust Jesus.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Did this help you understand why God chose to work through a nation? Why or why not?

Did this stir your interest in the Old Testament? Why or why not?

What are some areas in which you need to trust Jesus to provide for you? What's keeping you from trusting Him? Did Exo 15-17 strengthen your faith? Why or why not?

What are some areas of need which you are not praying about? Why aren't you praying about them? Does Israel's example stir you to pray? Why or why not?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

