

Community Group Questions Orphan Sunday

Moses-The Deliverer.

- Today, we are going to see that through abandonment God can create beauty and deliverance, and He invites us to be a part of this.
- Invite someone to read **Exodus 2:1-10**. Explain that although Moses was orphaned at birth, his mother wasn't absent in this. Instead, she made an intentional and thoughtful adoption plan. She made a decision to choose life and to do what she believed was best for Moses.
- Considering what Pharaoh was requiring of the midwives, how do you think his daughter must have felt seeing a Hebrew baby boy in the Nile River?
- Have you ever met vulnerable children through foster care, an overseas mission trip, or in another context? How did meeting an orphan influence your desire and urgency to care for them?

Jesus- The Perfect Moses

- God continued to redeem the Israelites throughout Scripture, but in the midst of this we know He had an even greater rescue plan. God desired to deliver all people from sin and death, and as He set this plan in motion, He brought another baby to earth. Invite someone to read **Luke 2:10-12, John 3:16, Mark 10:45, and Ephesians 1:4-6**.
- Imagine you were alive during Jesus time on earth. You, like the other Israelites, are waiting for a promised Savior to remove your sin and make you clean once and for all. What kind of savior would you imagine?
- Would we expect our salvation to come from the powerful earthly reign of a savior or the death of a man who "couldn't" save himself?
- When we put ourselves in the position of an orphan who was adopted in God's family or a child abandoned to sin and delivered to life and freedom, how does that change the way we see orphan care?
- How can you individually and our Community Group step into helping vulnerable children?

*Suggestions: Coming alongside foster parents in your church or community to help build relationship and show Christ's love to the children in their care. Ministering to women (and men) in crisis pregnancies by helping them choose life through parenting or adoption so that kids will not be orphaned or abandoned. Committing to child sponsorship or participating in a mission trip to meet and care for orphans.

Pray

Close your time in prayer. Below are some suggested prayer points.

- Pray that God would open our eyes to realize the gravity of the orphan crisis and lead us to courageously and obediently discover ways He has called us to care for the fatherless.
- Thank God for His deliverance and faithfulness to His people.
- Pray for orphans and vulnerable children around the world, that they will come to know Jesus as their Savior and Deliverer.