

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

A course in Biblical literacy

How to read... **EXODUS**

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Part 1: Leaving Egypt

This session focuses on the main themes in Exodus chapters 1-13. Here are some important questions to consider as you listen:

- What led to the Exodus?
- What lessons can we learn about how God intervened to address issues about justice and human rights in ancient Egypt?
- What is the significance of names in the book of Exodus?
- Why does God ask Moses to remove his sandals? What does this passage teach us about God's intervention in human affairs?

Part 2: Discussion Groups (The 10 Commandments)

Discussion Questions: Consider how relevant the 10 commandments are for today. Do the commandments show a difference between the values of modern society compared with the biblical values?

Part 3: Becoming a Nation (What sort of people would Israel be – post Exodus?)

This session highlights the challenges facing Israel in the wilderness. Here are some questions to listen out for in this session:

- How did God prepare Israel for life outside Egypt?
- What was the significance of the gold calf and can archaeology shed any light on this?
- What was the Tabernacle and what can we learn from it that is relevant for the 21st century?

Part 4: Question time and open discussion

Further reading:

- T T. D. Alexander, *Exodus: Apollos Old Testament Commentary*, London and Downers Grove: IVP, 2017
- Gordon Wenham, *Exploring the Old Testament; Volume 1, the Pentateuch*, London: SPCK, 2003.

Online resources:

TheBibleProject.com offers a wide selection of short animated videos on books of the Bible, including a series on How to Read the Bible. There are two excellent videos that give an overview of the Book of Exodus:
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