

**Mass Exodus
(July 15 - July 21, 2018)**

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

“Honesty is always the best policy.”

“Few men have the virtue to withstand the highest bidder.”

“Without virtue, and without integrity, the finest talents and the most brilliant accomplishments can never gain the respect, and conciliate the esteem, of the truly valuable part of mankind.”

Quotes from George Washington

Answer and discuss the following question with your group.

1. Do you believe it is important to have integrity? Why? How can it affect your life if you have a reputation for integrity (or lack it)?

Read the following excerpt aloud or watch message segment #1.

An excerpt from the Stone Bridge message, “Mass Exodus #2”

Look this way and that way – and seeing no one – he kills the Egyptian.

C.S. Lewis said – Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We truly are who we are when no one is watching. That is the place of integrity. Some stuff we do we would not do if when we looked to the left and to the right and no one is there. The boss isn't there – our spouse isn't there – our best friends are not there – our parent is not there - the policeman is not there. And when we think that God is not watching.

The real you and the real work – starts when no one is watching.

Refer to the following scriptures and answer/discuss the following questions.

Exodus 2:12-21, Philippians 4:8-9, 1 Chronicles 29:17, 2 Corinthians 8:21

2. What was thinking Moses when he killed the Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew? How do you think he felt after the Egyptian was dead?
3. Thinking about the passage from Philippians, what can we do to keep us from acting out of anger? How can we focus on what is good and pure?
4. When is God not watching? How does God know whether we have integrity? How do men know?

5. In 2 Corinthians Paul says he and his fellow workers in Christ were taking pains to do what is right both in the eyes of God and men. Why do you think he considered how God and men viewed them?

Read the following excerpt aloud or watch message segment #2.

An excerpt from the Stone Bridge message, "Mass Exodus #2"

The king of Egypt dies – and the misery of the people of Israel had been heard by God. God heard and God remembered. – God looked and God knew. He was about to call on a deliverer. It had been 40 years. 40 years of taking care of sheep for Moses to be ready. He did not know it – but he was about to be used by God. God was going to call on him. It was going to take some convincing. We will learn that next week. But God needed a deliverer and Moses was ready – he just didn't know it. God has been preparing you for service as well – you might not even know it.

Refer to the following scriptures and answer/discuss the following questions.

Exodus 2:23-25, 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, 1 Samuel 16:7

6. Why do you think God chose Moses to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt?
7. Why do you think God chose Paul to spread the gospel to the gentiles?
8. In what ways are the calling of Paul and Moses similar? In what ways are they different? Did either of them have reservations or fears? Did either of them have a perfect resume?

Reflection and Wrap-up

9. Do you ever thought that there are things you could, or should, do to serve the Lord? What are they? What has held you back, or how did you overcome your own doubts or fears.

Pray Together as a Group

Additional Study:

- Proverbs 6:16-20
- 1 Peter 3:10-12
- Proverbs 10:9, 11:3
- 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- Isaiah 55 3-9