“Can God Be Trusted?”

*Exodus 522-77*

Opening Question(s) – choose (a) or (b)

1. What is your typical reaction when someone makes a promise to you? Trust? Cynicism? Wait and see?
2. When have you been burned by being too trusting? When has your trust been rewarded?

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Exodus 5:22 – 6:12.** How would you describe Moses’ reaction in 522-23? If you were in his sandals, what would you have said and done?
2. In vv.1-8, what promises does the LORD repeat & reaffirm (cf. 38,19-20; Gen. 157-21; 177-8), and why?
3. When have you sensed God repeat & reaffirmed his promise(s) for you?
4. How did the Israelites respond to the report/message Moses delivered (v.9)?

If you were one of the Israelites who heard Moses’ report, what would you have found most convincing? Least convincing? Why?

1. When God recommissions Moses (vv.10-11), why do you think he repeats his old objection (v.12; 410)?
2. **Scan Exodus 6:13-27.** Which of these names are familiar to you?

Why do you think the narrator included this genealogy into the action of the story?

1. **Read Exodus 6:28 – 7:7.** How is Moses “like God to Pharaoh”? Why is this important? What is God’s solution to Moses’ speech impediment?
2. Do you think God *caused* Pharaoh to harden his heart or that God’s actions *resulted* in Pharaoh hardening his heart? What is the difference?
3. How does the LORD plan to help the Egyptians know him?

What has helped you get to the know the LORD?

1. When has God asked you to say or do something beyond your natural abilities? What happened?
2. Is there a fear, discouragement, or assignment that you would like prayer for?