**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

Have a group member read Exodus 1:1-7 aloud.

In Acts 7, Stephen stands before the Sanhedrin and delivers a sermon which summarizes the history of the nation of Israel. Have another group member read Acts 7:1-18 aloud.

* What is the hardest season you have ever had to endure?

**DIG DEEPER:**

* In Acts 7:5-7, what do you learn about the Egyptian captivity? About the hope Israel held?
* Have a group member read Genesis 1:28 aloud. How does this verse relate to Exodus 1:1-7? What does it indicate about the faithfulness of God?
* During the 400 years of waiting in Egypt, what do you think the Israelites thought regarding God’s promise of the land of Canaan? Regarding God’s character?

**MAKING IT PERSONAL:**

* Having to wait is part of being human, but waiting through trial and hardship is particularly difficult. Have a group member read 2 Peter 3:8-9 aloud. How does it relate to Israel’s situation in the opening lines of Exodus? How is it relevant to your current circumstances?
* What trial is currently keeping you in waiting? Is it sinful to want our times of trial to be short? Why or why not?
* What attribute of God did you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?
* What is one take away from this study that you will commit to place into action?

**Upcoming at Wave**

**LIFE GROUPS BEGIN | Sept. 9TH**

At Wave, our Life Groups are key to building significant Christian relationships and growing closer to God. The majority of our groups are sermon-based, discussing the previous weekend's message. We also have targeted groups for men and women. **How Do Life Groups Work?** Life Groups require a ten-week commitment and are comprised of 10-16 people. They meet weekly to share, study God's Word and build relationships. The groups are offered three times a year - fall, winter, and spring, taking a break for the summer months. Interested in joining a life group? Sign up now as Life Groups kick off the week of Sept. 9th!

**WAVE 7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY | Sept. 16th**

Join us for a special Sunday on Sept. 16th as we celebrate Wave’s 7-year birthday! We look forward to praising God for the great work He has done in us and through us over the years. After church, we will have Street Tacos for lunch and bounce houses for the kiddos!

**WOMEN’S RETREAT | Sept. 29th**

Ladies! You are invited to our One Day Women’s Retreat! Come to spend time with friends and make new ones! Breakfast and Lunch are provided! Together we will tackle the topic of “Why Pain?” Have you ever struggled to see God’s Goodness in the midst of painful seasons? There is Hope even in the midst of Darkness! Saturday, September
29th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Bergstrom’s home.

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill
out your communication card and write ‘**Newsletter’** to get
a weekly email update from Wave!

**EXODUS 1**

**A PROMISE-KEEPING GOD**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**Exodus 1:1-7 (ESV)** *1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.*

**Genesis 50:22-26 (ESV)***22So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father’s house. Joseph lived 110 years. 23And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph’s own. 24And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” 25Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” 26So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.*

WHEN GOD MAKES A PROMISE, HE KEEPS IT.

**Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)** *1 “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

**Exodus 1:8-14 (ESV)** *8Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. 10Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” 11Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.*

THE PROMISES OF GOD WILL ALWAYS BE OPPRESSED.

**Exodus 1:15-17 (ESV)** *15Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” 17But the midwives feared
God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.*

THE PROMISE OF GOD IS NOT FORGOTTEN BY THOSE WHO FEAR GOD.

**Exodus 1:18-22 (ESV)** *18So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” 19The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” 20So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. 21And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”*

THERE IS BLESSING IN FEARING THE PROMISE-KEEPER.

**HOW DOES THE PROMISE OF GOD AFFECT HOW I LIVE TODAY?**

* I WILL WALK IN CONFIDENCE BECAUSE MY GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN ME.
* I WILL FEAR GOD NOT MAN.
* I WILL REFUSE TO BE MANIPULATED BY FALSE PROMISES.
* I WILL WALK IN FAITH BECAUSE THE PROMISES OF GOD CANNOT BE THWARTED.