

Opening tasks:

Assign someone to take attendance and send to Joy

Assign a leader over food planning

2025-2026 goals/plan:

1. Answer this question: If I could accomplish one thing this year for Jesus, what would it be?
2. Bible Reading Challenge (weekly accountability)
3. Gospel sharing challenge (weekly accountability/prayer for boldness)
 - a. Share your testimony in the group and with someone else once a month?
 - i. Think of 5-7 people you can share your story with this year
 - ii. Teach them how to share their testimony and gospel

Small Group Guidelines

(Will cover birthing in the near future- too much for today since I am doing week 2 Story tonight)

Prayer

SG Lesson

Let's first summarize the Book of Genesis:

How did it begin? (Then what happened?)

- How did God describe His creation after day 6? (very good)
- What did Adam and Eve do to rebel against God?
- What were the consequences?
- How do we see those consequences today?
- How does God begin to solve our sin problem? (Call of Abraham)
- Tell me what you know of Abraham's Great-Grandson Joseph?
- How does Genesis end?

Tell the Story

Read the Story (gets them talking)

Rebuild the Story

Questions:

1. (Verses 8-14) Why is it a big deal that a new king of Egypt did not know Joseph?

- He would not have known the history of how Joseph's God rescued Egypt

2. What were the consequences of not knowing the God of Joseph?

Or: Why did Pharaoh fear the Israelites and seek to oppress them?

Worldly fears: distrust, friends becoming enemies, lust for power/control

Self-sufficiency

Treating other harsh for your benefit vs. mutual blessings

3. What were the results of persecuting God's people?

Multiplied and spread abroad

4. What can be the result of persecution and martyrdom in the churches today?

Fear and hiding

Or... courage and disciple making

5. (Verses 15-22) What is a tangible evidence that one fears God over man?

It reveals itself in who you obey!

6. What is the result of obeying God over man?

God will deal well with you (man may not, but God will)

7. What kind of people does God use to accomplish His plans/purposes?

- Ordinary people with extraordinary faith, confidence in God, courage to do and stand for what is right!

Sticky Question: Did the midwives lie to Pharaoh and still get rewarded by God?

8. Tonight's takeaway: How will you act/react/live if the culture is against you? Who will you choose to fear? How will you prepare yourself to do this?

Begin with word/prayer/share testimony

Saturate yourself with truth (word/song/community)