

Campus-Wide Bible Study 2013: Exodus

Introduction

The narratives of the Old Testament are the stories of God's interaction with his people. In the stories we see people like us; people who seek to know more about a mysterious God who speaks through burning bushes and from high mountains, and yet knows each person by name.

The stories of the Old Testament have been told and retold through the centuries. They gave the people of Israel their core, their life, their identity. The stories told them who this God was who had chosen them to be his people, and they told them how to live as chosen people. The stories are not always easy to understand. God is at times mysterious in these stories, but what we learn when we read them is how God's beloved people responded to their inscrutable God. These are important lessons to learn. The more we learn about how God and God's people have been in relationship in centuries gone by, the more clearly we can see how God longs to relate to us right now.

As you read these powerful stories, remember that they are about people just like us; people who wanted to work and worship, to dance and love. And they are about the same God—the Father, Son and Spirit—whom we long to know today. As you read these old stories, may the fresh wind of the Spirit encourage your faith and strengthen your love for our amazing God.