

# Moses

## Lesson 1



### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

By the time the group has finished this lesson they should:

- discover one of the outstanding qualities in the life of Moses.
- see how this quality in his character was used in his role as a leader of the people.
- find ways to develop this quality in their own lives.

### WHAT DO I NEED?

- Bibles
- devotional notebooks & biros.

TALK ABOUT THIS! 10 MINUTES

## How do you remember him?

**N**ame the three Presidents of our country. Write these names up on the blackboard or a large paper.

Ask members the following questions and write two or three-word answers under each name:

1. What was the outstanding characteristic of each person?
2. In what way did this characteristic help the President to:
  - a) build
  - or b) diminish the image of the nation?
3. What qualities do we look for when choosing a President today?
4. Is it possible to find these characteristics or leadership qualities in a non-Christian? Give an example.

Today we want to look at one aspect of the character of the well known figure of Moses in the Old Testament.

How would you describe his most outstanding characteristic in one word?

Write the suggestions on the blackboard or paper and look at them again at the end of the study.



BIBLE EXPLORATION 20 MINUTES

## Moses - prince & priest

**R**ead Exodus 2:1-15; Acts 7:20-22

1. In what way is the tribe of Moses' parents important for the study of his character?
2. What is the special significance of the tribe of Levi throughout the history of Israel? How are they described by God in Numbers 3:12?
3. What were some of the privileges described in Acts 7:20-22 that Moses enjoyed as a "son" in Pharaoh's palace that influenced his growing years?
4. What do you think Exodus 2:12-14 indicate about part of Moses' character as a youth? How did he receive his first lesson in humility (v. 14b-15)?

**Read Exodus 3:1-11**

5. What two things did Moses learn about God through his encounter in the desert at Horeb:
  - a) v. 6?
  - b) v. 10?
6. Do you think Moses' reaction to God's command to go and help his people is a sign of humility or weakness in:
  - a) 3:11
  - b) 4:10

Give your reasons.

## Is it weak to be a Humble leader?

**R**ead Numbers 11:10-12; 16-17 and 27-29.

7. How does Moses describe to God the way he has been leading this large crowd of people in the desert (v. 12)? What does this say about the character of his leadership?
8. Does Moses' need for help indicate weakness in his leadership (v. 16-17)? Why? What does Moses' recognition of the value of other people's gifts and the help they can give show about the character of his leadership (v. 27-29)?

### Read Numbers 12:1-13

9. What is Moses' reaction to the jealousy of his brother and sister when they challenge his authority as leader of God's people? Explain why you think verse 3 is included here. Who responds on behalf of Moses in this situation (v. 5-8) and in other similar situations such as Numbers 14:4,11? Do you think these verses can be helpful for our national leaders today? How?
10. How does Moses feel about his sister's punishment (v. 13)? What would be your reaction in such a situation?

As you have discussed some aspects of the life of Moses, what have you particularly noticed about his character as the leader of God's people?

Do you think he was:  
**proud or humble?**  
**weak or strong?**

## How is your Humility?

**D**ivided into groups discuss for 15 minutes and then come together; share one main point from each group and pray.

### Group 1.

#### Read Exodus 14:13-14.

1. How does Moses show strength and humility in this crisis situation?
2. Give an example of how this could be true in a situation today?

### Group 2.

#### Read Proverbs 8:12-14

1. In what way are wisdom and humility closely linked together?
2. Give an example to show how these two qualities are important for any Christian leader today?

### Group 3.

#### Read Psalm 25:8-9

The company gave a special talk on safety in the factory. James didn't stay to hear it as he knew all about factory regulations. Later that year the factory filled with smoke and the alarm went off, but James could not find the fire exit. Only because of a helping hand from a friend was he saved from serious injury.

In what way does pride prevent us from learning more in different situations?

### Group 3.

#### Read 2 Chronicles 7:14

1. Why is humility an essential part of the prayer life of an individual Christian and of a church fellowship?
2. Many times we begin our prayers with a confession of weakness ("mu kassassu ne ..."), but is this showing real humility? Why?

## THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT:

Meditate on the following verses. Think carefully how you can make humility a real part of your Christians life this week.

### Day 1.

Meditate on Proverbs 11:2

### Day 2.

Meditate on Proverbs 3:34-35

### Day 3.

Meditate on 1 Peter 5:5-8

### Day 4.

Meditate on Isaiah 66:2

### Day 5.

Memorize Matthew 23:12

### Day 6.

Meditate on Luke 18:9-14.