

## **“The Story” Study – Exodus, Leviticus**

### **Class 3: Chapters 4-5**

#### **Chapter 4: Deliverance**

1. DVD – Session 4

2. Chapter 4 Highlights:

- a. Even though the time of Moses living in Egypt seems brief, he lived there for 40 years. He also lived in Midian for another 40 years. Then the LORD called Moses to deliver His people from their Egyptian slavery.
  - i. Why did Moses feel inadequate (46)?
  - ii. What did the LORD say to Moses to encourage him (47)?
  - iii. Can the LORD do amazing things through you and me (Ephesians 3:20)? Y N
- b. Take special note of the Passover:
  - i. As the LORD delivered His people from their physical bondage through the blood of year-old unblemished lambs which were killed at twilight, so God the Father has delivered us from spiritual bondage through the blood of His unblemished Son who laid down His life at twilight on Good Friday.
  - ii. Then, year after year, the people were supposed to celebrate the Passover; it pointed back to the LORD’s physical deliverance, but it also pointed forward to the LORD’s coming spiritual deliverance through the promised Messiah!
- c. As the LORD was present with the people in the form of the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, so let us take comfort in Jesus’ presence with us (Mt. 28:20).
- d. Think about mighty miracles: Parting the Red Sea, providing daily manna Sunday through Thursday—with a double portion each Friday, and water from a rock, yet the people still grumbled. We can be similar: So blessed, yet so quick to complain. Let us trust in, wait for, and honor our great God and Savior!

## Chapter 5: New Commands and a New Covenant

### 1. DVD – Session 5

### 2. Chapter 5 Highlights:

- a. The LORD is holy, but people are not. The LORD wants us to recognize His holiness, see our sin, be sorry, believe in the Christ as our Savior, and honor Him with our lives.
- b. The Ten Commandments:
  - i. Think about this order:
    1. God delivered the people from their slavery; then He gave them the Ten Commandments. They were *not* God's way for the people to earn His favor; instead, they were a way for them to thank God for His deliverance.
    2. God has delivered us from spiritual slavery through Jesus; now He calls us to learn and live His Word. We never do good to earn favor with God; instead, it's our way of thanking Him for His deliverance.
  - ii. Some divide the commandments 1-4 and 5-10, but we divide them 1-3 and 4-10. The first three deal with our relationship with God, the other seven with our neighbor (**see page 61**).
  - iii. Luther's Small Catechism has this Ten Commandment summary:
    1. God
    2. God's Name
    3. God's Word
    4. God's Representatives
    5. God's Gift of Life
    6. God's Gift of Marriage
    7. God's Gift of Possessions
    8. God's Gift of a Good Reputation
    9. God's Gift of Contentment
    10. God's Gift of Contentment
- c. Even after the deliverance and all the miracles, isn't it sad that the people so quickly turned to worship a golden calf. Do we have any golden calves in our lives?
- d. Did you notice how Moses was a picture of Jesus as he went up to make atonement for their sins? Since Jesus came, lived, suffered, and died to take away our sins, may our lives – *our words and actions* – be one big thank you note of gratitude!

### 3. Assignment: Read chapters 6-7