

Adult Group Study Guide for June 7, 2020

Series: "Chosen"

Message: "Formed"

Goal: To make use of the unique way that God has formed you to fulfill his purpose.

Key Verse: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* – Ephesians 2:10 (NIV2011)

1. When you heard the word "chosen" what comes to your mind? Do you have memories of being chosen for a team, or a special award, or as a marriage partner? In what ways do you feel "chosen" by God? (John 15:16; Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 2:9)
2. Review the life of Moses in Exodus 1:6-12. Moses is born and adopted out of slavery into the position of royalty. Compare his story with the story of Joseph in Genesis 39-41. Read Philippians 2:5-11. In what ways did Jesus mirror this same story?
3. Read Exodus 2:11-12. When Moses grew up, he witnessed the abuse of the Hebrews and responds to this injustice by killing an Egyptian and burying him in the sand. How do our passions get us into trouble? How can we channel our passions correctly?
4. Ephesians 2:10 in the NLT reads: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Do you consider yourself a masterpiece? Why or why not? What difference does it make to know that you were created for a purpose?
5. What are the good things that God has planned for you to do? How has your life experience equipped you with unique gifts and possibilities for making a difference in this world? Pastor Austin mentioned four questions to help you consider how God has formed you. Read through each one and write down your response.
 - a. What breaks your heart?
 - b. How did your empathy form?
 - c. What can you offer others (assets)?
 - d. How could your empathy and assets be joined?
6. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. It is easy to give up in the face of so many problems in our world. How will the example of Moses and Jesus help you to continue the race that is marked out for you?