



7. MOSES: CROSS-CULTURAL LIFE



What made Moses' life Cross-cultural?
 How can we deal with the issue of fear?
 How can we eliminate self-centred attitude?

Acknowledgement of Country

This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, traditional custodians of this land under God. We commit ourselves again to working for reconciliation in this land.

Review (5 min)

TV Ad vs drama "Kick"

- Sociological vs Theological Multiculturalism

Paul's cross-cultural mission (Acts 20)

- Paul's mission for Jews and Gentiles

Sharing Time (10 min)

- Share with your group what generate racial discrimination
- Identify fears in our society, and share your own experience.

Discussion with Video from "Shrek"

Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is an ugly, green, ill-tempered ogre who enjoys living alone in his swamp. One night some fairy-tale characters are unwillingly relocated to his front yard by the very short, very power-hungry Lord Farquaad (voiced by John Lithgow). Farquaad is in the process of establishing a kingdom for himself but can't be officially crowned a king until he marries a princess. Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad to rescue the lovely Princess Fiona (voiced by Cameron Diaz) from the dragon-guarded tower where she is trapped if Farquaad will get the fairy-tail characters off his property. Shrek and his sidekick, Donkey (voiced by Eddie Murphy) embarks a journey to discover friendship and love.

Background: Rejection, Fear

- Do you have an experience that others judged you by the first impression?
- How did you feel? Why do you think that they judged you that way?

Cultural Groups

- Identify cultural groups in the story.
- What makes us judge or reject others?

Conflicts and Relationships

- How does 'fear' influence in our relationship?
- What should be done for a better relationship between different groups?

Cross-Cultural Approach

- What can we learn from donkey's comment?
- How can we eliminate self-centred attitude in Cross-cultural relationship?

Discussion with Bible Story



Exodus 1:8-22

8 Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. 9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country." 11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites 13 and worked them ruthlessly. 14 They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly. 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 "When you help the Hebrew

women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." 17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. 18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" 19

The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." 20 So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. 22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live." (NIV)(NIV)

Moses' Cross-cultural Life(30 min)
Questions for Group Discussion

Background: Cross-cultural Life

- Read the Bible readings from Exodus 1
- What made Moses' life complicated one?

Cultural Groups

- Identify different cultural groups religiously and socially.
- How many cultures did Moses experienced?

Conflicts and Relationships

- How did Shiphrah and Puah resolved the situation?
- What can we learn from Moses's life journey?

Cross-Cultural Approach

- Can you think of different approach from Egyptian?
- Can you think of any country reacting like Egyptians of old?

Question Time (15 Min)

Next Study: Tue. 20th June, 1pm or 7:30pm(Hybrid)
 Study 8. Ruth's Cross-cultural Choice (Ruth 1:1-18)
 With Video clip from "The Matrix"

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