

# **SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**"Lessons Learned in the School of the Desert"**

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, October 12, 2008

*Reminder for your Small Group: 40-Day All-Church Fast  
Oct 19 (Sun) to Nov 26 (Wed)*

## **Scriptures Verses: Exodus 2**

- 1) Comment on the John Maxwell quote: "**God prepares leaders in a crock-pot, not a microwave oven.**" It is similar to the Phillips Brooks quote: "**I'm in a hurry, but God is not!**"
- 2) Can you describe a time when you jumped the gun on God, took matters into your own hand, did what you wanted to do, yet called it God's will and the results were disaster? What lesson did you learn?
- 3) Struggles, pain and suffering are part of the way of the cross, and through them we grow stronger in our walk with God. Explain the lesson learned from the man who assisted the butterfly emerging from the cocoon.
- 4) Are there lessons that you have learned in the school of the desert that you would be willing to share with your small group?
- 5) Share how this sermon affected you personally.

## **Additional question for groups meeting later in the week (if time permits):**

- 6) What has been the most meaningful E-100 reading for you so far this week?