



Bible STUDIES

2018

This is a six part Bible Study series to enable London Methodists (and others) to engage in the challenges faced and lessons learned from migration stories from the Bible.

The current project of the London District of the Methodist Church is Moving Stories. The aim of Moving Stories is that we, as the Methodist Churches of London, might start to change the negative attitudes, perceptions and stereotypes towards migrants in our city, by giving them a voice and platform to share their stories. We will mostly be focused on geographical migration stories, from outside of the U.K. to London, and movement within the U.K. and London. Ultimately, our goal is to broaden the audience to the wider London community, through the media, and to local politicians.

Resulting from this, the Social Responsibility Commission and Authorised Ministries Commission created a Bible Study series based on Migration Stories from the Bible, so that we might better understand the challenges faced by migrants, and to ensure that the lessons that can be learned are outlined, so that we as a church might become better examples of an inclusive and respectful community.

Included in the course will be a liturgy, which may be used in its entirety, or in sections. Each course in this resource will include a 'Wesleys' Thought', a passage of scripture, a theological discussion and some probing discussion questions. This course may be completed in small groups, or be used as the foundation of a service with a larger congregation, at any point in the year (for example, Lent).

Above all, we encourage that whoever you do this course with, you use the time to share your own stories, and look to apply how these biblical moving stories might shape your reflections.



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Moving Story	Theme	Bible Passage	Author
Hagar and Ishmael	Banished	Genesis 21:8-21	Michaela Youngson
Joseph	Trafficked	Genesis 37	David Musgrave
Phoebe	Commended	Romans 16:1-16	Cameron Kirkwood
Abram and Sarai	Obedient	Genesis 12:1-9	Wendy Beard
Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch	Included	Acts 8:26-40	Vicci Davidson
Jesus	Accepted?	Luke 19:29-40	David Hardman

Liturgy	Andy Lyons
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