

STUDY GUIDE

October 9th

- CREATIVITY -

Creation In Trouble

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Psalms 51:10-12

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What God has created, we can mess up. Wedding vows include the phrase, "What God has brought together, let no man put asunder." Well, I've got to tell you, we "put asunder" a lot. This is the story of Moses' birth. It is the story of genocide, infanticide, and ethnic cleansing. What do we do when the whole world seems to turn bad?

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There are evils all around us today just as there were in Biblical times. Striving to develop a more loving spirit within **ourselves** is a start. How can love release creativity inside us? How does creativity foster reconciliation among people? How can I learn to better appreciate differing opinions?

WE

Creativity helps people learn to be comfortable with ambiguity and uncertainty in life situations. Seeing humor in daily events also breaks down tension. How can we help one another "stay on track" in order to keep life's trials in perspective? How do each other's unique, creative approaches help us cope?

THEY

God calls us to work for the establishment of "Godliness" even in hostile environments. How can we creatively serve as conduits for social justice throughout the world? How can we help others seek God to "create in all of us a clean heart and to restore the joy of salvation"? Can we make a difference?