

# Creekside LifeGroup Leader Guide

**Sermon Title:** *Seven Women*

**Key Verse:** Exodus 1:17

## Opening Prayer

Father, thank You for the way You work through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. Open our eyes to see how You bring life in places that feel small, overlooked, or even hopeless. Give us courage like the women in Exodus—courage to fear You above all else, to protect life, and to trust that our quiet obedience matters. Speak to us personally tonight and show us where You are inviting us to join Your work of renewal. Amen.

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## Leader Notes & Discussion Guide

### 1. What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?

**Leader Insight:**

Start here to get everyone engaged. Listen for themes like *quiet courage*, *overlooked people*, *God working in hidden places*, or *“power under.”* Affirm responses and connect them back to God’s pattern of working through the small and unseen.

**Supporting Scripture:** *Zechariah 4:10* — “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin ...” NLT

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### 2. Read Exodus 1-2:10, noticing the role women play throughout.

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### 3. Where do you see “chaos” or “anti-life” forces working in our world today?

**Leader Insight:**

Encourage thoughtful, non-political reflection. “Anti-life” can include injustice, dehumanization, despair, or anything that opposes God’s design for flourishing. Move the group toward recognizing their role in bringing life.

**Supporting Scripture:** *John 10:10* — “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” NIV

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#### 4. What does “holy defiance” look like today?

**Leader Insight:**

Clarify that this is obedience to God over cultural pressure. Help participants think about real-life scenarios where integrity or faithfulness may cost something.

**Supporting Scripture:** *Acts 5:29* — “We must obey God rather than human beings!” NIV

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#### 5. Why does God often use those the world sees as “insignificant”?

**Leader Insight:**

God’s upside-down kingdom highlights His power through weakness. The overlooked are often the most available and dependent on Him.

**Supporting Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 1:27* — “But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” NIV

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#### 6. What does this story teach us about the “risk” of following Jesus?

**Leader Insight:**

Following Jesus involves real cost—comfort, security, reputation—but leads to true life. Help the group see that risk is part of faithfulness, not failure.

**Supporting Scripture:** *Matthew 16:25* — “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” NIV

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#### 7. How can we model “power under” instead of “power over”?

**Leader Insight:**

Contrast worldly power with Christlike humility. Emphasize that “power under” is active, intentional, and transformative—not passive weakness.

**Supporting Scripture:** *Philippians 2:5–7* — “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.” NIV

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#### 8. How is God calling you to “nurture” someone else’s faith?

**Leader Insight:**

Encourage practical, relational application. Nurturing faith doesn’t require expertise—just

consistency, care, and presence.

**Supporting Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians 2:8* — “Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.” NIV

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## 9. Where are you asking Jesus to bring new life right now?

**Leader Insight:**

Create space for vulnerability. Point participants to hope—God is always in the work of renewal and restoration.

**Supporting Scripture:** *Revelation 21:5* — “Behold, I am making all things new.” ESV

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## 10. Which “role” do you feel called to right now?

- Midwife (protecting life)
- Mother (preparing a vessel)
- Sister (watching and waiting)
- Daughter (crossing boundaries with compassion)

**Leader Insight:**

Help participants identify one role and connect it to a real situation. Encourage one concrete next step this week.

**Supporting Scripture:** *1 Peter 4:10* — “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.” NIV