

Questions for Miriam

Warm Up

- 1) Who was your favorite female schoolteacher when you were growing up? What made them your favorite?
- 2) What grabbed your attention in the message on Miriam this week?

Explore

- 3) Read Exodus 1:22-2:10. The sister spoken of in this account is believed by scholars to be Miriam. What can we discover about Miriam in the text?
- 4) Read Exodus 15:20-21. What's she doing that is noteworthy?
- 5) Miriam is given the title "prophetess," the first of only a handful of women in Scripture identified that way. Others called a "prophetess" are Deborah (Judges 4:4), Huldah (2 Kings 22:14), Isaiah's wife (Isaiah 8:3), Anna (Luke 2:36), and Philip's four daughters (Acts 21:9). What's up with that?
- 6) We discover another side of Miriam in Numbers 12:1-16. None of us are perfect, and yet God's discipline of Miriam seems especially harsh. Why do you think God responded this way? Why didn't Aaron get the same treatment?

Apply

- 7) It's incredibly easy to fall into the trap of resenting the leadership and authority of people close to us and want our own recognition and way. How can you guard yourself from this response? Pray for those in authority over you.