

The Way Out | Exodus 1:8-22

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My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) Share one life lesson from your parents or a mentor that you learned and live by.
- 2) Where is your favorite vacation destination?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Exodus 1:8-14 Pharaoh's first plan and God's overrule.

- 1) What did the new king fear? What was his first strategy to control the Israelites?
- 2) How does fear tempt people to do hurtful things to others today? Is fear influencing any of your actions?
- 3) What resulted when Israel was oppressed? Who was actually behind the growth and multiplication? What do you learn about God's power compared to Pharaoh's? (Is. 46:9) What are the implications to your life?
- 4) What do you learn about God's concern for the oppressed? (Luke 12:7, Exodus 6:5) In what circumstances can that comfort you?
- 5) How is the pharaoh a shadow of the true Satan who opposes God and His people today? (I Peter 5:8, John 10:10)

Read Exodus 1:14-21 Pharaoh's second plan and God's overrule

- 6) What was the king's second plan to control the Israelites?
- 7) What risks did Shiphrah and Puaah take? What motivated them?
- 8) Describe what it means to "Fear the Lord" in attitude and action today? What does it not mean? (Is.11:2, Ps. 1:7)
- 9) What decision can show you fear God more than you fear men? How can your group pray for your courage?
- 10) What does God's response to the midwives teach you about Him?

Read Exodus 1:22 Pharaoh's Third plan and God's overrule

- 11) What is the king's third plan to control the Israelites?
- 12) Jesus was also born under the threat of infanticide (Matt. 2:16). Why is it significant that the exodus story foreshadows the Jesus story?
- 13) What does this foreshadowing tell you about God's purpose in history? How can this bring comfort in troubling situations now?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "What decision can show that I fear you more than men"
- 2) Lord, "Where do I need to trust that your power will eventually win over evil?"