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Have a group member read Exodus 1:8-22 aloud.

How would it have felt to be a Hebrew living in Egypt at this time?

STUDY AND APPLY

1. In Scripture, covenants are a central means by which God interacts with humanity and brings about his plans of redemption. It consists of promises to bless and to curse (see Genesis 12:2-3). In our Exodus passage we see that God's covenant promises for his people are ironically accomplished in the midst of oppression. What are some other biblical examples of this?
2. Despite living under the rule of a fearsome pharaoh, the Hebrew midwives walked in the fear of God. How did their rightly-placed fear equip them to be obedient to God?
3. We all fear something, and God does not intend to completely eliminate our fear. There is a kind of fear of God that is good and commended. Draw out some differences between what it is like to fear man and what it is like to fear God.
4. As we study Exodus, we're recognizing that this story is not only a true story of physical bondage and human rescue, but a shadow of the real story of slavery of sin and deliverance through Christ. Is slavery to sin how you really see sin? In what ways does sin enslave us? How does Christ bring us out of this slavery?
5. We are only through chapter 1 of Exodus. Even so, what signs to you already see that God is remembering his commitment to his people and is sowing seeds of their rescue? How does this give you confidence in his unfinished work in your life, presently?

PRAY