

Exodus 1-2 home group study questions

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Please feel free to select or adapt the questions you think will be most helpful for your group in the time available.

- 1) How much do you see the Old Testament as your story? How has it become part of your story (or you part of it's story) in Christ?
- 2) Most of us are very aware of opposition, pain or suffering in our own lives or the lives of other Christians. What would it look like for you to view that suffering in perspective, within the bigger story of God's salvation?
- 3) When we encounter suffering like that described in Exodus 1-2, what questions does it raise for us?
- 4) God doesn't necessarily answer all of those questions, but what reasons do we see in these chapters to trust in his goodness and faithfulness all the same?
 - To put it another way, how many different ways can you spot that God is at work to keep his promises and uphold his people in these two chapters?
- 5) Why is it more important to know God is good and faithful than to know the reasons for everything he ordains?
- 6) God is at work all through chapter 2, raising up the saviour who will rescue his people from Egypt. But neither he nor the Hebrew slaves seem willing to back Moses in verses 11-14. Rescue is delayed another 40 years! What is it that finally prompts God to act in vv.23-25?
- 7) God doesn't need our prayers in order to accomplish his plans, but he deliberately waits for them all the same. Why do you think he does this?
- 8) How should we pray in light of this truth?