



September 8, 2019
Born in Egypt
Exodus 1:1-22



WORD - WHAT DID GOD SAY IN HIS WORD?

Read together: Exodus 1:1-20; see also Genesis 12:1-4, 13:14-16, and 17:7-8

Recall from Sunday:

We belong to God's people and promises (1:1-7), despite opposition (1:8-14), so we fear God and overcome (1:15-22).

Reflect: What stood out to you during the sermon? What did you learn about God and his plans for his people from the Bible passages?



HEART - WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME THROUGH HIS WORD?

God promised Abraham that He would give him innumerable descendants (Gen. 13:14-16), and that promise begins coming to pass in earnest in Exodus 1:7. If we have been grafted into God's people Israel (Romans 11:11-24), does that mean God's promises to Abraham extend to us? In what way? How do these promises impact your relationship with God?

Pharaoh did his best to stop the Israelites from multiplying (Ex. 1:11-16), "but the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied" (Ex. 1:12). Was there anything Pharaoh could have done to stop God's plans for his people? Are there opponents of God's plans today, cultural trends, personal hardships, that make it seem like God isn't going to be able to do what he promised? What does this passage have to say about how we view those things?

Shiphrah and Puah fear God instead of Pharaoh (Ex. 1:17), serving as examples of faithfulness despite great personal risk, and they receive God's blessing in return (1:20-21). How have you had to choose to follow God recently? Were there any costs or risks involved? How did you handle the fear in that process?



WORLD - WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

Spend some time sharing what fears you are each facing in this upcoming season/year. Ask the question, "how might that fear lead you to disobey God?" And then spend some time praying for God's help to stand firm despite the challenges you are facing. If there are additional ways as a group that you can support each other in these fears this year, make plans to help each other.