



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

As we embark on our journey through the book of Exodus, we're reminded of God's faithfulness across generations. This powerful narrative isn't just ancient history—it's a mirror reflecting our own struggles and hopes. We see how God's promises to Abraham unfold over centuries, teaching us the value of patience in our instant-gratification world. The story of Israel's oppression in Egypt resonates with our own experiences of injustice and hardship. Yet, even in the darkest times, when God seems silent, He's working behind the scenes. The courageous actions of the Hebrew midwives Shipra and Pua challenge us to stand firm in our convictions, even when facing powerful opposition. Their story encourages us to consider where we might need to take bold stands for righteousness in our own lives, trusting that God sees and rewards faithfulness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the story of Exodus demonstrate God's faithfulness over generations, and what implications does this have for our own faith journey?
2. In what ways does Moses foreshadow Jesus, and how does understanding this connection deepen our appreciation of God's redemptive plan?
3. How do the actions of the Hebrew midwives challenge our understanding of civil disobedience and moral courage in the face of unjust authority?
4. What can we learn from the Pharaoh's anxiety-driven decision-making, and how might this relate to our own tendencies to create worst-case scenarios?
5. How does the preservation of Shipra and Pua's names, while the Pharaoh remains unnamed, reflect God's values and priorities?
6. In what ways does the oppression of the Israelites in Egypt parallel modern-day situations, and how should believers respond to similar injustices?

7. How does the concept of God's law as an 'MRI' for sin, and Jesus as the 'surgeon', help us understand the relationship between conviction and redemption?
8. What lessons can we draw from the patience required in God's plan for Israel, especially in a world that values instant gratification?
9. How does the story of Moses' birth and early life demonstrate God's ability to work through seemingly impossible circumstances?
10. In what ways does the Exodus narrative challenge our understanding of freedom, both in a physical and spiritual sense?