



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In this exploration of Exodus 1-2, we're reminded of God's unwavering plan for redemption, even in the darkest of times. The story of Moses' birth amidst Pharaoh's genocidal decree serves as a poignant parallel to our modern struggles against cultural forces that devalue life. We're challenged to consider: How do we, like the Hebrew midwives, fear God more than man? Their courageous civil disobedience in preserving life echoes through time, calling us to stand firm in our convictions. As we navigate a world that often seems bent on destruction, we're encouraged to trust in God's bigger picture. Just as He was working behind the scenes to raise up Moses as a deliverer, He continues to work in our lives today. This message urges us to examine our own identities and allegiances. Are we defining ourselves by God's truth or by the world's ever-changing standards? It's a call to bold faith, reminding us that following Christ may cost us everything, but ultimately leads to true life and purpose.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the story of Exodus parallel modern challenges to religious freedom and human rights? What lessons can we draw from the Israelites' experience for our current cultural context?
2. In what ways do you see 'Pharaoh-like figures' in today's society, and how can Christians respond with both truth and love?
3. How can believers balance the biblical command to respect authority with the need for civil disobedience in the face of unjust laws or practices?
4. What does it mean to 'fear God' in today's world, and how might this impact our daily decisions and actions?
5. How does the concept of identity in Christ conflict with or complement other identities people claim today? What are the implications for how we view ourselves and others?
6. In what ways might God be working 'behind the scenes' in our current cultural challenges, similar to His preparation of Moses for Israel's deliverance?

7. How can Christians effectively communicate biblical truth on controversial issues without compromising their witness or alienating others?
8. What role does personal sacrifice play in standing for biblical truth, and how prepared are we to face potential consequences for our faith?
9. How does the story of the Hebrew midwives challenge our understanding of ethical behavior in extreme circumstances?
10. In what ways can the church be a source of hope and 'human flourishing' in a culture that often seems to promote the opposite?