

3) How did God provide a rescue for young Moses?

What would it mean for him that he grew up in Pharaoh's house and was nursed by his own mother?

4) READ 2:11-25 & ACTS 7:20-29

How is Moses being prepared for his future work?

How would you describe his reactions in his 'youth'?

What is God's attitude to the situation of Israel?

### Living in the Light of these Truths

Trusting the faithful God

Which promises of God do you need to hold onto this week? Once you have identified them - work out a way of keeping them at the front of your mind.

Honouring the sovereign God

Think about the cultural trends or pressures that you face. How can you make sure these do not rule your life?

# KNOWING GOD

To know and be known

## SERMON OUTLINE

Exodus 1-2

MEET THE CHARACTERS

Israel - The People of God (1:1-7)

Pharaoh - The King of Egypt (1:8-22)

Moses - A rescued baby (2:1-10)

God - A hidden player

Us?

- Nothing will stop the church if God is at work!
- We can have every confidence in God's rescue plan for us!



# A CLOSER LOOK

## Exodus 1-2

### Overview

To understand Exodus fully it will help to look back to a few of the key passages in Genesis (12:1-3 , 15:5 &17:1-8) that set up the events that we are going to explore.

The thrust of Exodus 1-2 is about trusting God's promises, especially when we are under pressure and choosing to honour God above the powers who we may be up against today.

### Setting the Scene

In Genesis, God makes an amazing promise to Abraham three times.

Spend a few moments looking at these and remind yourselves what God promises. It may be helpful to ask:

What promise does God make:

- about Abraham's descendants?
- about where they would live?
- and about what would characterise their relationship with God?

### Looking at the Text

1) Discuss which parts of the promise to Abraham have been fulfilled and which hadn't.

What must it have felt like for the people of Israel to be living in such challenging conditions?

Can you think about times when you have had to wait a long time for God to answer a prayer or to keep a promise?

What did it feel like as you were waiting?

What are some of the big promises that God makes in the Bible that we are waiting for him to keep? Why is it hard to wait?

2) Look back through verses 8-22 and identify how the new Pharaoh governed.

What would it have been like for the two midwives to stand against Pharaoh? How did they make this decision? Was it a risk or not?

What are the powers or cultural trends that are facing you today?

Why is it tempting to submit to these more than to God?

