

# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## THE BIRTH OF MOSES EXODUS CHAPTER 2 VERSES 1-14

### Opening Question

Can you think of a time when you have had to remain very patient when waiting for an answer to prayer?

**Read the passage from Exodus chapter 2:1-14 (feel free to answer whichever questions you feel are appropriate for your group).**

**Q1** what things stand out for you from this passage, is there anything new you have seen that you didn't know before?

**Q2** After many generations living comfortably in Egypt after Joseph brings them to be with him, what do you imagine the people are now thinking when this new Pharaoh comes along and suddenly changes their comfort to severe oppression.? What might be thinking about God now?

**Q3** From this passage discuss how God uses the following people to fulfil his purposes and whether you think they are aware of it or not.

Jochebed, Moses' Mother

Miriam his sister

Pharaoh's daughter

Pharaoh himself

**Q4** Why do you think God would do all that He had been doing without his people being aware of it?

All the time that the Hebrews are suffering under Pharaoh, God seems to take an extraordinary amount of time to rescue them, how do you feel about that? Why do you think God often calls us to wait for answer to prayer sometimes, rather than give immediate answers?

**Q5** We heard in the sermon that there are 3 things God wants our faith to be as shown through this story

- 1) A Trusting faith
- 2) An Expectant faith
- 3) A Patient faith

Where do you find evidence of these 3 things in the passage?

Which of these do you struggle with most and why?

**Q6** When we have had bad things happen to us we are often encouraged to remember the verse from Paul in Romans 8:28, how do you think we can misinterpret this verse?

What do you think is the full meaning of it? How can this be related not just to each person as an individual but to God's people as a whole?

What are the helpful and unhelpful things people have said when others are going through suffering of any kind?

What do you think are the best ways we can help one another to get through difficult times?

**Q7** "The story of Exodus so far is not just about Moses , but about the whole people of God , how he cares for them, keeps his promise to them, and is committed to working for them in often unseen unrecognized ways" (from the sermon )

What things can we take away from this story for us as the people of God in St Andrew's?

### **PRAYER TIME**

Spend some time praying through the things that God may have spoken to you about.

You could use the rest of the passage in Romans 8 verses 28-39 to base your prayers on, or just read it together or have someone read it out while the rest just listen, whatever you choose to do it's a great passage to end on and encourage each other with !