



If you're new to Cross Church, we begin each year with 21 days of intentional prayer. If you're just now coming around to join us, don't worry; just jump in on the journey for the rest of the time. During these 21 days, we want you to intentionally take your number one burden before the Lord in prayer. Additionally, during the final week of these 21 days, we encourage you to fast if possible. In some way, starve yourself of the things of this world so that you can listen to God in a new way. Today, we begin a new series on the book of Exodus called "Exodus." (Creative, right?) Our subtitle is: "The Glory of God." We've landed on this subtitle because we see the glory of God on display throughout the book. It's going to be a fantastic ride together.

**Key Passage:** Exodus 1

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Looking back at your notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most from the sermon?
2. How do the opening verses of Exodus 1 connect to the book of Genesis? What connection exists between God's promise to Abraham and what we see in Exodus 1:1-7?
3. In Exodus 1, how do the actions of the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, provide us with a great example of faith? How does their testimony challenge you in your faith? Give examples of how you might be called to demonstrate bold faith in your life.
4. Looking back, how have you seen God work sovereignly in your life? Give some specific examples. Why does it often take hindsight to identify God's hand at work in our lives?
5. We often get paralyzed by not knowing what to do or what the will of God is when we're facing a trial of faith. What does "do what you know" mean in these moments? How were the Hebrew midwives an example of this "do what you know" strategy? What could this look like in your life?
6. The context surrounding the Hebrew people in Exodus is brutal, which leads them to cry out to God for help (Exodus 2:23). While our burdens may not be the same as the Hebrew people's, we have our own. If you're comfortable sharing, what is the number one burden in your life for which you're praying during 21 Days of Prayer? What does it mean to surrender our will to God's will when facing burdens? How can the lessons of Exodus 1 propel us forward this year?
7. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?