



GREATER THAN

Glimmers in the Dark

Discussion Guide | February 23, 2020

Exodus 1:1-2:10

Questions for Study and Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Exodus 1:1-2:10.

1. Share an example of someone you know who endured a difficult experience / season in life and maintained a strong faith in Jesus. What helped them respond this way?
2. Why can difficult times deteriorate or destroy faith in God? What truths about God can these difficult times call into question?
3. What realities in the Exodus passage made these extremely dark / difficult days for God's people, the Israelites?
4. Read Exodus 1:15-17: Even in the midst of these dark days, these two Hebrew midwives maintained a strong faith in God that led them to take courageous action for Him.
 - How can you maintain strong faith in God even when the times are dark?
 - What might courageous faithfulness look like in your own situation (think about work, family, neighborhood, etc.)?
5. Scan Exodus 1:1-2:10. List the ways God is directly attributed to working in this passage.
6. Now look at the passage again. What "behind the scenes" ways is God at work in this story?
7. "God's hiddenness doesn't mean His absence." Summarize what this statement is saying, in your own words.
8. How can you stay alert (or help others stay alert) to God's activity, even when God appears "hidden" at times?
9. How is Exodus 1:1-2:10 a picture of this statement: "The darkest situations can't thwart the progress of God's plan"?
10. How does Jesus' work on the cross for us provide an even greater picture of this same truth (that the darkest situations can't thwart the progress of God's plan)?
11. What have you learned from Exodus 1:1-2:10 that can sustain you through difficult times you face? What practically can you do to apply this or keep this in mind?
12. **Challenge: Memorize Romans 8:28:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.