

Discussion Questions:
Exodus Chapter 2

1. What are we told about Moses' birth in Ex 20? What information do the following verses add? (Exod 6:20; Acts 7:17-29; Heb11:23) How does this inform you about the relationship between the Old and New Testaments?

2. What does the story of Moses' early life communicate about God and His plans? The Hebrew word translated "basket" is the same word translated as "Ark" in Genesis 6:14. While one can't build a theology on this fact, do you think there is a correlation between the stories? Why or why not?

3. What privileges and opportunities would come to the child growing up in Pharaoh's household? Given the miraculous result of that plan, how could Moses have come to know about the perils and hardships of his people and the traditions of their past? In light of his growing up in this way, with whom did Moses identify? (v 2:11)

4. What was the result of Moses taking matters into his own hands? Whom did Moses leave out of his equation? Have you ever tried to accomplish what you perceived to be God's will in your way? What was the result? What have you learned from those experiences?

5. In spite of Moses' failed attempt to bring justice, how do Acts 7:23 and Heb 11:24-27 shed light on his motivations?

6. In verse 25 we are told "God Knew". What did God know? How does the reality that "God knew" effect your thinking when you have times difficulty and perceived unanswered prayer?

7. Tim Chester in his book Exodus for You asks the question, "How does the failure of Pharaoh's plans to extinguish Israel encourage you as you look at what is happening in the world today?"