



# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## The Birth of a Nation

This birth is painful but very exciting. Redemption and revelation are the themes of the book of Exodus. The children of Israel come into the land of Egypt as a family of 70 people and they go out of Egypt as a nation of over 2 million people. An entire race disposes of its shackles of slavery and is led out into the wilderness by God through a man called Moses.

## Domination by Egypt (Exodus 1-12)

There is a population explosion in Egypt. The children of Israel are now over 2 million people. The Egyptians were afraid of their numbers, so they oppressed the children of Israel with hard labor to keep them in bondage. But the more they were afflicted, the more they increased in number. After four centuries of slavery the people cry out to God for deliverance. God remembered his covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and He looked upon them and acknowledged them. God raises up Moses to deliver them.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. What were the circumstances of Moses' birth and rescue from death?
- b. How was Pharaoh's decree to kill the male Hebrew children a plot of Satan?
- c. In what ways are the themes of the book of Exodus like the themes of your life?
- d. Why did Moses flee from Egypt?
- e. How does God call Moses to deliver the children of Israel?
- f. What are the excuses that Moses gives for not being sent as the deliverer? And, what is God's response to him.
- g. Examine your heart: Are you available to God's call on your life? Do you say "yes Lord," or do you provide excuses?

## Liberation from Egypt(Exodus 13-18)

God uses Moses and his brother Aaron to declare plagues/judgments on Egypt and to bring the children of Israel out of bondage. This is a fascinating story of an all powerful God and how He delivers His people and proclaims judgment on the worship of false gods.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. How many plagues were pronounced on Egypt and what were they?
- b. How were the plagues a judgment against the false belief system of false gods in Egypt?
- c. What were the similarities of the final judgment on the Egyptians to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ?
- d. Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart?
- e. What was the miracle that happened at the Red Sea?
- f. How did God provide food and water for the children of Israel in the desert?
- g. How does this story of God's rescue and provision encourage you in your faith and obedience to God?
- h. What is the scarlet thread of redemption in this text?