

## Growth Group discussion questions for Exodus 1-2 Week of April 15-18, 2018

1. NCC Q32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

A: Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

	work in us.  Memorize, meditate on and be ready to recite Romans 5:1.
2.	What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, April 15th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?
3.	Read Exodus chapters 1 & 2. (Acts 7:17-29)
4.	God providentially protected Israel through the widespread famine by moving first Joseph, then Joseph's family, to Egypt.  a) Why did later kings become increasingly fearful of Israel occupying their land? What did the king do about it? (1:8-14) Was God surprised by this (Gen. 15:13-14)?
	b) Did this cruel response accomplish what the king wanted? Why or why not?
5.	What did the king command the Egyptian midwives to do? Why do you think he commanded them to treat the boys differently than the girls? (1:15-22)

6. What motivated the midwives to disobey the king? What was God's response to their disobedience? Why? What does it mean to fear God (1:17, 21)? (Deut. 6:1-5; Ps. 25:12-15, 112:1, 128:1-4; Prov. 3:7)

7.	Read Rom. 13:1-7 and 1 Pet. 2:13-17. Would it ever be right and honoring to God to disobey civil laws or authorities? Try to think of an example. (See also Acts 5:27-42)
8.	Where do you God's hand sovereignly protecting and prospering Israel in chapter 1?
9.	How do you see God at work in protecting and raising up a deliverer for his people, Israel? (2:1-10)
10.	Where do you see God's faithfulness to his prior promises (2:23-25)? What promise did he intend to keep? (Gen. 12:1-3, 17:4-6, 28:10-15)
11.	Do you ever find yourself worrying about whether God will keep his promises?  How do you know that God will be faithful to you in keeping all his promises? What might strengthen your confidence in God? What aspects of God's character should feed your confidence?
PRA	AY IN THE GROUP Pray for our new "Thrive" young adult ministry (for those 18-35 years old) that is launching on April 17 <sup>th</sup> .

Pray that God would use it to strengthen their faith and foster life-giving relationships.