

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 7: Job 41-42 ~ Exodus 1-13

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

Which family member had the biggest spiritual impact on you? Why? How?

1. When God described the Behemoth in Job 40 & Leviathan in Job 41, did you read them to be mythical or real? What do you make of Job 41:19-21, could this be a dragon? Are the 11 animals of Job 39 mythical or real? Does Behemoth and Leviathan match any modern-day animals? Or do they sound like a dinosaur? Could they be dinosaurs that perished in the flood or a post-flood ice age? What is God trying to communicate to Job through these animal descriptions from Job 38-41? What can we learn from this?
2. What do you think about Job's reply to God in Job 42? How do you see God's mercy in Job 42? How do you see God's grace in Job 42? How would you respond to God if He confronted you with your own foolishness and ignorance? After reading the book of Job, how would you summarize it for someone else? What lesson do you want to take away from the book of Job?
3. What do you think it would have been like to be an Israelite living in Egypt after 400 years of slavery? What were Pharaoh's motives in killing off the Israelite baby boys? What was Pharaoh's fear? What do you think the motives are behind the modern-day killing of babies through abortion? What are the fears of the parents who choose to take the lives of their children by abortion? How can we help people facing those fears?
4. Contrasted to Pharaoh are the Egyptian midwives who "feared God" (Exodus 1:17) and "let the boys live." When might Christians have to stand up against their government or ruler out of a fear of God? What risk did these Egyptian midwives face? How did God bless the midwives?
5. Exodus 2 describes the first adoption in the Bible through Moses' adoption by Pharaoh's daughter. What sort of courage do you think it took for Moses' mother to give him up for adoption? What sort of courage do you think it took for Pharaoh's daughter to adopt Moses? Why is adoption such a beautiful picture of God's love for us? Have you ever considered adoption? What do you think some of the challenges are with adoption? Rewards?

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*The Passover & Unleavened Bread - The Lamb's Redemption*

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#### **This Next Week's Old Testament Reading Plan:**

Week 8: Exodus 14-28

- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
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