



Group Discussion and Application

1. What are some common reactions/responses to oppression and affliction? Which are wrong responses? What are some proper responses?
2. Why does the world often feel threatened by Christians?
3. List some of the typical forms of opposition the believer in our culture might face.
4. How has God used affliction in your own life?
5. What is the value of knowing we should expect opposition as Christians?
6. How does persecution produce growth and purity of the Church?
7. How can we maintain a proper perspective on opposition and affliction?
8. Review some of the lessons to be learned from Israel's oppression. Add to this list of lessons.
9. Share your thoughts on the action of the midwives in vv. 17 & 19.



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What form of opposition are you facing as a Christian? What has your response been? What change do you need to make in your response?
2. From the lessons learned from Israel's oppression (see #7 above), what lesson do you most need to apply to your own life? What step of action will you take to begin applying this lesson?



Family Homework

1. The midwives feared God (v. 17) rather than men. What does it mean to fear God?
2. Is it ever appropriate to disobey earthly authorities? If so, when? How do you make this determination? (Read and discuss Romans 13 & Acts 5:29).



Impressions on Oppressions

Exodus 1:8-22

Opposition against God's people is...

1

...opposition against _____.

2

...often _____.

3

...sure to _____.