

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY 5/15/12

1. Recalling his brother's actions against him, Joseph said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives (Genesis 50:20). What good has God worked in your life, in spite of the evil intention of others against you?
2. Exodus 1:12 records , "The more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread." Relate these words to the history of the Christian church under persecution.
3. Review Exodus 2:1-10 and Hebrews 11:24-26. God provided Moses with an upbringing that included the best the pagan Egyptian world had to offer. What did Moses, by the power and grace of God, realize about the pleasures of a world void of God? How does Moses' experience remind us of our own situation?
4. Exodus 3:1-15 reminds us that God hears the prayers of His people. In response He might have simply destroyed Egyptian government. Or He might have inclined the heart of Pharaoh to be favorably disposed to release the people. Instead God worked through means; He rescued His people through the deliverance He provided by way of Moses. Through what means does God strengthen and sustain you?
5. When Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to release God's people from bondage, He responded, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go" (Exodus 5:2). Comment on Pharaoh's response in light of Exodus 3:19 and John 14:15.
6. Review Exodus 7. Through God's mighty acts of judgment against the Egyptians, God made Himself known to the ungodly while delivering His people. Tell how this saving event is similar to another event still to come. Read Matthew 25:31-32.