



# Sermon Questions

January 5, 2025 | Scripture: Exodus 1:1-14 (The Captivity)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.

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- 2.
- 3.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:15-25
- Psalm 90:13-17
- Ecclesiastes 5:18-20
- Romans 6:1-7
- Philemon

Serve: [Contribute to the Pack 'n Play & Car Seat Donation Drive](#)

Pray: Pray that you would be made aware of your sin and find new opportunities to live in the freedom found in Christ.

## Core Questions

1. Look over verses 1-154 again. What is the context that the story of the Exodus arrives into? Are you familiar with how God's people got into this situation?
2. At this stage. In the life of God's people, which of God's covenant promises seem to be on their way to fulfillment, and which feel far off? Review God's promises to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3
3. While discussing the captivity of self, Pastor Ryan talked about the burden of self-belonging. How does the gospel meet today's radical individualism with a better way of belonging and defining ourselves?

## Inward Grace in Action

4. Throughout Exodus, the people look back to their slavery in Egypt and wonder if that was better than following God. Are there sins you miss, that you are tempted to return to? How could seeing sin as slavery, not indulgence, help you reframe this temptation?

## Outward Grace in Action

5. Slavery is a great evil, whether spiritual, historical, or in the many ways it exists today. Spend some time in prayer asking God to intervene, and to use us, his people, in these things now as he has done before.

As we study the Biblical history in the book of Exodus, we discover that the real hero of the story is God... From beginning to end Exodus is a God-centered book, a theological history.

To read Exodus, therefore, is to encounter God. The book is about the mercy, justice, holiness, and glory of almighty God, who rules history by his sovereign power and who saves the people of his covenant. When the Biblical writers recall the exodus, they rarely mention Moses at all; instead, they speak of the wonders of God. This gives us a hint that the proper way to study Exodus is to pay constant attention to what the book is showing and telling about the character of God. Exodus is an exercise in theology, which is simply the study of God.

Philip Graham Ryken and R. Kent Hughes, *Exodus: Saved for God's Glory* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2005), 22-23.