

SHIPHRAH & PUAH'S COURAGE

Exodus 1:6–21

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- What do you know about your birth (e.g., place, time, weight)? What details or stories, if any, have you been told as well?
- *Read Exodus 1:6–21.* What is the new Pharaoh's posture toward the Israelites and why? What must it have been like for God's people living in Egypt in this time?
- What command does the Egyptian king give to the Hebrew midwives? What would you have thought and felt if you were Shiphrah and Puah?
- What does it mean that the midwives "feared God"? What is the opposite or alternative of fearing God? How does their fear of God motivate them?
- What do the midwives risk by disobeying Pharaoh? How does their action demonstrate both compassion and courage? How does Pharaoh respond? How does God respond?
- In what ways do you fear God? How does fearing God interact with or relate to other fears? How does fear of the Lord motivate you?
- Where in our society are courage and compassion required to meet people's needs? How can the Church begin or continue to do this well?
- Where and with whom can you show compassion with courage this week? How will you do that? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.