

## Home Groups - Discussion Questions

Wed 9 / Thurs 10 May

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1. Read Exodus 4:29-31. How might Moses and Aaron be feeling after seeing how the people of Israel responded to their message? What do you think they are expecting to happen as they come before Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1?
2. However, look at what happens next in 5:2-5. What do we learn about Pharaoh's from his response to Moses and Aaron?
3. Pharaoh is a master slaver driver. But who is **he** in slavery to? Why do we need to remember this when as Christians, we face opposition?
4. Pharaoh then issues a command to withhold straw from the Israelites but yet he still demands they reach their quota of bricks. What do we learn here about Satan's opposition towards the people of God filtering into the workplace?
5. What's wrong with **where** the Israelite foremen take their plight – verse 15? How can we be guilty of doing the same thing?
6. Upon whom do the foremen take out their disappointment and frustration? How can the people of God fall into this trap today?
7. How are we pointed to Jesus here? (Psalm 41:9)
8. Moses does the right thing and takes his complaint to the Lord. We feel sorry for this man of God, and yet in what way is he guilty of 'selective hearing'? Refer to Exodus 3:18-19 and 4:21. How can we be just as guilty?
9. a) Why is it a good thing that God doesn't promise instant comfort, success and triumph at conversion?  
b) Why has He designed the Christian life the way He has?
10. In times of opposition, rejection and confusion – why is it good for us to pipe down and listen to God in Exodus 6:1? What is Moses (and what are we) being assured of here?

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- Pray for the persecuted church
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