**Exodus 1 and 2: God - his Faithfulness**

**Notes for group study**

**Note:** these notes assume that you have had opportunity to hear the message preached on 14/2/16.

Eugene Peterson (Extract from 'Introduction to Exodus' - The Message):

"The human race is in trouble. We’ve been in trouble for a long time. Enormous energies have been and continue to be expended by many, many men and women to get us out of the trouble we are in—to clean up the world’s mess. The skill, the perseverance, the intelligence, the devotion of the people who put their shoulders to the wheel to pull us out of the muck—parents and teachers, healers and counsellors, rulers and politicians, writers and pastors—are impressive.

At the centre and core of this work is God. The most comprehensive term for what God is doing to get us out of the mess we are in is **salvation**. **Salvation** is God doing for us what we can’t do for ourselves. **Salvation** is the biggest word in the vocabulary of the people of God. The Exodus is a powerful and dramatic and true story of God working **salvation** ..."

**Preparation**:

Read Genesis 15;13-14. God's promise to Abraham

Read Exodus 1;1 to 3;6 and Acts 7;17-34 (The same section of history recounted by Stephen)

Read Exodus 40. The completion of the tabernacle and God's abiding presence

**World Events**

How should we view current world events and world leaders in the light of this section of the Old Testament?

Do we believe that our Father God is indeed The Lord?

How should this inform our conversations and praying?

**Moses' Parents**

Amram and Jochebed were Moses' parents (their names are recorded in Exodus 6;20).

They saw that their baby, the third of 3 children, was no 'ordinary' child (= beautiful to God).

There is no record of any name that they may have given their son at circumcision. What pain may they have had to face from the time of the baby's birth and as he grew up?

What can we learn from their acts of faith (Hebrews 11;23)?

How can we be praying for our children?

**Moses' life**

Moses life can be divided into 3 main periods:

Age 0 - 40 years

Age 40 - 80 years

Age 80 - 120 years

What single word (or sentence) could summarise Moses' life during each of these periods?

1. From a human perspective and (2) From God's perspective

In what ways can you relate to any of these periods in your own life?

Where are you at at this point in time?

How can God best get your attention?

What would you like others to pray for you?