SEEING THE FOREST

Exodus 1:1-8

• Our salvation FORMS and REFORMS us as God's people.

• We are saved to <u>SERVE</u>.

• We need redemption not only from external <u>OPPRESSION</u>, but also from <u>INTERNAL</u> <u>WAYWARDNESS</u>.

• God <u>RESCUES</u> us to <u>RELATE</u> to us.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. How does the story of Exodus pick up where Genesis leaves off?
- 2. How do we see that our salvation both forms and reforms us as God's people through the Exodus story? (see Ex 12:1-27)
- 3. How do we see that our salvation forms and reforms us in the New Testament? (see Rom 1:16-17; Eph 2:1-10; Col 1:5-6; Luke 22:19-20)
- 4. How do we see that we are saved to serve in the story of Exodus? (see Ex 1:13, Ex 7:16, 8:1, 8:20, 9:1, 9:13, 10:3) How do we see this elsewhere? (see Joshua 24:14-17; 2 Pet 2:19; John 8:33-36; Titus 3:3-5; Rom 6:16)
- 5. What are some ways that we are tempted to focus on external enemies rather than on our own internal sin? How can we have a right perspective? (Prov 26:12; Heb 3:13; Eph 4:20-25).
- 6. How does the idea of a holy God relating to a sinful people present a problem?
- 7. Looking over the headings in the book of Exodus, and thinking through the story, how do you see the truth that God rescues us to relate to us? How is God solving this problem?
- 8. How would you describe your relationship with God presently? Why?

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