



**ADULT FORUM
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

REVOLUTIONARY THEMES IN EXODUS

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- There's always a Pharaoh, an oppressive power in the world. What are the oppressive powers in our world today? How do they "strengthen their hearts," in other words, affirm and insist on their own power so that they can use that power for oppression?
- The midwives, Moses's sister Miriam, and Pharaoh's daughter all participate in a deceit in order to save lives. Is deceit ever okay? Jesus tells his followers to be "wise as serpents, harmless as doves (Mt. 10:16-20)." Is this the same thing? What moments of resistance do we encounter in our world today that might justify using deceit as a tool?
- Sometimes, justice might require reparations. As the Israelites leave Egypt, the Egyptian pile gifts of gold on them. These gifts are later used to build the tabernacle. In a sense, the religious heritage we have from Ancient Israel rests on the Egyptian people trying to make up for the wrong they've done. What future graces might result from our own willingness to make reparations to the people we've wronged?