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## **“Multiplying While in Bondage”**

### **Gabbing about Life (Icebreaker)**

Someone once said, “What doesn’t kill you only makes you stronger.” What has been the hardest situation you’ve faced in your life? Briefly describe how you went through it.

### **Reading from the Book of Life (the Bible)**

Exodus 1:7-22

### **Grappling with Life’s Issues (Questions)\***

Spend a few minutes discussing some of the major themes. What issues are presented in these passages? What stands out? Are there common thoughts?

Prior to verse 7, what was the history of the Israelites? Why are verses 7 and 8 important in light of that history? A key part of this passage is that a new king came to power who did not know about Joseph. A whole generation at some point won’t remember you. Just because you were great yesterday doesn’t mean a thing for today. In light of those thoughts would you change your priorities at all?

The Israelites faced all sorts of opposition, but continued to prosper. How does that give you hope in light of the situation that you are in? Are there any people that you are around that you can encourage to press on despite the circumstances?

Final Thought: Affliction and oppression force you to draw near to God on a whole new level. While neither is fun nor enjoyable as you go through it, we have a God who identifies with us, cares for us, and promises us life everlasting. God can multiply His people even in the bleakest of situations.

### **Praying through Life’s Challenges**

Pray that the Lord will give you endurance in the face of opposition. Pray that God will multiply in you His promise.