## **SESSION 2: THE ISRAELITE** So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. Exodus 1:13 ◀Read Exodus Chapter 1 to discover the nature of the Israelite's affliction. Take note of verse 8. How is this side note important? ■Exodus 1:13 is the core of the Israelite's misery. Study this verse and the surrounding context by writing out the "Five W's." Who: What: When: Where: Why: ◀In Exodus 1:15-22, there is a slight shift in the narrative—the Israelite were strong in the midst of their affliction. Write out Exodus 1:19: ■Write down a few key words from Exodus 1:20-21. What two blessings do you see? (Reference Psalm 127:3 and Psalm 113:9) ■God was faithful to His people, just as He always has been, is, and will be. Even in the midst of suffering and affliction there can be reason to rejoice. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Has your perspective of affliction changed through what you have studied? ◀ Take a moment to pause and reflect, meditating on what you have studied. You may want to turn on some quiet worship music as you rejoice in the fact that God gives His people blessings even in their time of suffering. As you do, write out a prayer of worship to God: "God, I worship You because

