

# Key Themes of God's Design



## Exodus 5:22-6:8

- What is the background to this passage? What does this passage say? What do you think is the significance of this passage for understanding the Old Testament as a whole?
- What are the two questions and one accusation that Moses spoke to God? What were these inquiring about the nature and purpose of God in history?
- How did God respond to the accusation? What does this tell us about God and His purposes?
- How did God respond to the 'why?' question? What does this tell us about God's nature, His character, and His purposes?
- How did God answer the 'what?' question? What does this tell us about God's plan for His people?
- What phrase is repeated in this section? Why? What difference does this make?

## 1 Purpose

- What phrase from this passage summarizes God's overarching purpose for all of history? Explain the significance of this phrase in your own words. What does this tell us about God's actions and goal in all history? What does this tell you about God's primary goal in your own life? What difference should this make for you?
- The Lecture says that God is *not just* revealing that He is God, what else is He intending to reveal? How was this shown in the Exodus passage? How is this important for our daily lives?

## 4 Themes

- How is God's greatness shown? What are the ways that we experience this? Why is this important?
- Describe each of the four themes of God's plan in your own words. How were each of these seen in the Old Testament? How can each of these be experienced in your own life?
- How is salvation defined in general? How is this seen in the Old Testament? In the New Testament? What are we saved from? What are we saved for? Why do we need salvation?
- Why is community important? How has God provided for this?
- Describe what is meant by the theme of "Relationship." Relationship with whom? Why is this necessary? How does this happen? What is it like? What difference does this make?
- What does "Blessing" look like in the Bible? What is the danger we need to avoid in thinking about blessing? Why? How should we best think about blessing? How should you respond?

## Review

Review God's overall purpose and work toward committing it to memory.

Review the four themes of God's design and work toward committing them to memory.