

## EXODUS series overview

The Exodus is one of the most dramatic, moving and famous stories in history. It is at the centre of the Old Testament view of God, and at the heart of the Old Testament view of his people. It is a story of rescue, victory, power, escape, redemption, hope and freedom, with massive implications for the world, the gospel and the Christian life. God draws us out – from our slavery, sin and darkness – in order to draw us in – to his presence, purpose and light.

In this twelve week series, we will get to know the Exodus story, and see that it works at three levels.

In part, it can simply be read as *history*, as a thrilling, blood-and-thunder escape story on its own terms.

It can also be read as a *pattern* of rescue that comes up again and again in the story of Scripture: as we will see, there are all sorts of “exodus” journeys that happen in the Bible, and several within this one book.

And of course it can be read as *gospel*, as a picture of what happens to us in Christ. Slaves find freedom as we are wrenched out of captivity, by a God who takes down his enemies with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. We leave our old lives, and see our past buried in the waters behind us. In the meantime, we live in the wilderness, resisting the temptation to worship idols, and trusting God for his provision, presence, purposes and promises. Each day, we press on towards the promised land that awaits us.

On Sundays, and in many of our groups, we will be studying Exodus over twelve weeks. To help you make the most of the series, you may also want to get hold of *Echoes of Exodus* by Alastair Roberts and Andrew Wilson, our Teaching Pastor; it will show you how the Bible as a whole picks up on exodus themes, and connects them to Jesus.

We hope you enjoy spending time with us in this exciting story, and we look forward to seeing you at King's!