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**Embracing Your Heritage**  
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***NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.***

### **WORD - Selected Scriptures**

1. (Exodus 20:8-10; 22:21; 23:9) What does Scripture teach us about care for the foreigner?
2. (Colossians 1:21, Ephesians 2:12) Our sins made us refugees, but God came so that we could enter into His family. How can you incorporate these lessons into your reality?

### **MESSAGE**

1. (Scale 1-7) How easy is it for you to empathize with strangers? Explain your answer.
2. How does the fact that the Israelite story is your heritage, not just history, change your perspective on the 'refugees' of our day?
3. Like the Egyptians among the Israelite community - How do you respond to the refugees among you?
4. 'Suspending judgement' How does this concept make you a more empathetic person?

### **RESPONSE**

1. How will you move from being just sympathetic toward refugees to being empathetic?
2. How can you practically respond with love to Refugees in your midst?
3. How can we embrace our own story to love others well in their displacement?
4. Who do you know that may feel displaced? What can you do to make them feel more at home?