



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 13, 2014

This Week's Focus: The power, justice, and grace of God revealed through the 10 plagues sent down to Egypt.

This Week's Text: Exodus 7 - 12

"The Passover is a gospel before the gospel... All those colorful, dramatic ordinances and rituals of the Old Testament prefigured and foreshadowed the work of Christ. Redemption, substitution, atonement are no afterthought of God." **W.A. Criswell**

"We do not subscribe to the lay theology which teaches that the Lord Jesus did something or other which, in some way or other, is in some degree or other, connected with the salvation of men... We dwell beneath the blood mark, and rejoice that Jesus for us poured out his soul unto death." **C.H. Spurgeon**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- What is Pharaoh's question to Moses and Aaron in Exodus 5:2?
 - How does a similar attitude show up in our lives?
- Why might Pharaoh not have taken the God of Israel seriously, given their culture stature?
- How is the grace of God demonstrated in the giving of the plagues?
- While Moses and Aaron are seeking to demonstrate the glory and power of God to Pharaoh, who sees that these works are most assuredly God? Reference Exodus 8:19.
 - If we are a people living on mission, how might we see similar responses from those we interact with?
- Multiple times God displays His power and Pharaoh responds saying he will let the Israelites go, but then changes his mind. In what ways do we find ourselves treating God in a similar fashion?
- The Passover threat was for all who did not heed the instructions of the Lord. How does this show the sinfulness of all humanity? What was the only thing that could save them?
- Discuss the Passover and the death of Jesus. How does the Passover point us to the gospel?
 - How is Jesus the greater and better lamb?
- In ways are God's righteous wrath and His perfect love both present during the Passover?

- The people were told to spread blood on the door. How did this demonstrate their trust in the Lord? Do our actions demonstrate that we, like the doorposts, are covered by the blood of the Lamb?

Gospel Celebration:

- Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! He is the once and for all sacrifice.
- Jesus took the wrath of God in our place so we could be set free from our slavery to sin.
- We've been set free from darkness so we can show the world Jesus' glorious light.

Next Week's Text: Psalm 2