

From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #5
lead up to Nov 4th

Digging into Exodus 6:28-11:10

1. Read Exodus 6:28-7:6 together – this passage serves as something of an introduction to the account of the plagues – explaining what is going to happen and to what end.
 - Share initial observations and reactions. What aspects of this passage stand out to us?
2. Let's talk about the plague narratives.
 - How do we often interpret the meaning of this part of the story, and what we think it says about God?
 - Read 7:4-5 together. How are the plagues described and what are God's two stated **goals**?
 - How should this inform our reading of the plague narratives?
3. Break into a few groups and each take a few of the plague stories for 2-3 minutes. Appoint a scribe, answer the following questions as best you can, and then report back to the group.
 - Does Moses warn Pharaoh?
 - Any hint as to the meaning of this particular sign?
 - Any response by the Egyptian court?
 - Any distinction made between the Egyptians and the Israelites?
 - Who hardens Pharaoh's heart?
 - Anything else interesting in the text?
4. Consider Ex 5:2. Do **you** ever find yourself thinking, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him" ?
 - Where does this line of thinking/feeling lead you, and with what consequences?
5. What does this part of the Exodus story teach us about God – about who God is, what God cares about and is actively seeking?
6. What does this part of the Exodus story teach us about ourselves – where do we find ourselves in this story?

WRAP UP: In a word or phrase, what in Exodus 7-11 most significantly lingers with you?

PRAY: *Take a few minutes to pray together in the light of God's revelation in this part of the Exodus story.*