

From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #6

lead up to Nov 11th

Digging into Exodus 11-12:30

1. Read Exodus ch.11-12:30 together and pay attention to your own reactions to the story – to what happens, and to what God does and says...
 - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention?
 - What parts surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?
2. Focus in on Exodus 11 and the account of the final plague – the plague on the firstborn.
 - What reactions stir in us?
 - If a friend asked you how you can believe in a God who sends a plague on the firstborn of Egypt, what would you say?
3. Consider again the oppressive slavery context of the Exodus story.
 - How differently do you think you would experience reading about this plague from God, if you were living under the oppressor power of a tyrannical authoritarian ruler - who believed himself to be god?
4. Consider these two descriptions of YAHWEH, the God revealed in the Bible – a God of *justice* & A God of *judgment*
 - What's different about your reaction/thoughts/feelings toward these two descriptions of God?
 - How would you describe the relationship between justice and judgment?
 - It is not very popular and or even acceptable, in some circles, to talk about God being One who judges, yet this is presented as integral to the character of God.
 - How does this fit into our understanding of God – and love for God? Or not?
 - How is the gospel revealed in this or related to this? Is it?
5. Now turn to Exodus 12 & God's instructions for the Passover.
 - First off: what's the Passover all about? (If a neighbor asked you what the Passover is all about, *what would you say?*)
 - Again: how is the gospel revealed in this or related to this?

WRAP UP: In a word or phrase, what in Exodus 11-12 most significantly lingers with you?

PRAY: *Take a few minutes to pray together in the light of what God has reveal about Himself in Exodus 11-12.*