

Day 1

- 1) In Exodus 7:1-2, God tells Moses he is going to ***make him like God to Pharaoh***. Today we'll take some time to read through Exodus chapter 7-12 and consider what Moses learned it was like ***"to be like God."***
 - a. Yes, that's 6 chapters! But it won't take you long. As you read, try to focus singularly on the question above today (as we will return to other matters in these chapters for the remainder of this week).
- 2) How did Moses himself ***"being like God"*** have the opportunity to view what it must have been like for God to be in relationship with him (Moses) for the first six chapter of Exodus?
- 3) Take some time to worship God for who he is and how he relates to you. Begin with confession and thanksgiving.
- 4) How will your insight as to ***"what it's like to be God,"*** impact how you enter this day and engage with the brokenness of the world that has affect you, everyone you will meet, and everything you will touch today?

Day 2

- 1) In Exodus chapter 7-12 we see the amazing power of God and his Holiness. Read again through Exodus chapter 7-12. Try to enter into the story and what it would have been like to experience God's great power. Let it overwhelm you.
- 2) What must it have been like for each of the following to experience these events:
 - a) Pharaoh,
 - b) the Egyptians,
 - c) Moses,
 - d) and the Israelites?
- 3) How big, powerful, and holy is God? Take some time to enter into the presence of our powerful God and Father, contemplate his awesomeness and respond to him.
- 4) How will this impact your rest, joy, and hope today?

Day 3

- 1) Go back and read Exodus 5:19-23 and Exodus 6:1-13. Consider: *Where was Moses emotionally and in relationship to God at this point?*
- 2) Read Exodus 7:1-10, and v20. What are we told three times about what Moses and Aaron did? Contrast that with what you read in chapter 5 & 6 today.
- 3) Throughout Exodus 7-12 we see a different Moses from Exodus 2-6. In Exodus 2-6 Moses takes matters into his own hand, doubts, argues with God, and refuses to follow God's instructions and commands (remember how he stopped short and "made up" some things in his first interaction with Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1-3). Take some to recognize and marvel and God's power to change a doubtful, questioning, and disobedient heart like Moses'.
- 4) Worship him for his power and mercy!
- 5) What would it be like for you to trust your heart and life more fully to this God who changes hearts deeply that you might be doing, ***"just as the LORD commanded,"*** in your life today and

this week? Take some time to enter into God's presence with this question and return to it throughout the day.

Day 4

- 1) Read Exodus 6:1-9 and focus on where the people of Israel were with God.
- 2) Consider what it must have been like for the people of Israel (given where they were in Exodus 6) to witness the work of God. Throughout Exodus chapter 7-12 we continually read that all of God's plagues happened to the Egyptians, but not the Israelites. Take some time to imagine:
 - a. To have light of the sun in your neighborhood while it's pitch black dark everywhere else for 3 days.
 - b. To watch hail fall everywhere else apart from on you?
- 3) What must this have communicated to the people of Israel about God's love for them? Imagine this and let your heart feel it.
- 4) Read Exodus 12:1-28 and focus on where the people of Israel were with God after all this in v27-28
- 5) This week we have been asking the question, "***Why the Plagues?***" How does what you have just read give an answer to that question.
- 6) Consider how God has pursued you personally and covered you with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Enter into his special love, care, and regard for you. Let it sink in and worship him.

Day 5

- 1) Read Exodus 12: 30-41
- 2) Read again Exodus 12:38 (a mixed multitude means that it wasn't just ethnically Israelite people who left Egypt to go worship God). Read also Exodus 9:20-21.
- 3) This week we have been asking the question, "***Why the Plagues?***" How does what you have just read give an answer to that question.
- 4) What does this say about God's heart for the "outsider"?
- 5) The Israelites spent 430 years in Egypt and a large percentage of that time was in slavery and hardship. Read Mark 13:1-13 and consider the parallel to your life.
- 6) Enter into worship knowing that
 - a. God waited for you
 - b. God desires you to be a minister of his gospel to those who do not yet know him.
- 7) Consider your own present struggles and disappointments in light of this and what it says about God's heart and desire during the time we wait for him to return?