

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

What's something you were really stubborn about as a kid?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND

A Battle of Wills

Pharaoh's will is no match for God's will. Pharaoh's hard heart is a repeated focus as he sinks further and further into stubbornness despite God's power.

The Purpose of the Plagues

These were not random acts of judgment but targeted blows against the gods of Egypt. Each plague demonstrated Yahweh's supremacy over specific areas the Egyptians thought were under divine protection.

Goshen

This was the region in Egypt where the Israelites lived. It was spared from the plagues, highlighting God's ability to both judge and provide mercy.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 9-13:35

1. What is God's stated purpose in sending the plagues according to verses 14 & 16?
2. How do Pharaoh's servants respond differently than Pharaoh himself in verses 20-21?
3. What do we learn about God's power and mercy in verses 22-26?
4. What does Pharaoh say in verses 27-28, and how does that compare with his actions in verse 35?
5. What do the details about the crops in verse 31-32 tell us about Pharaoh's hope?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Teaching: *What is God teaching you in this passage?*

- What do Pharaoh's responses reveal about the nature of stubbornness in the human heart?

Reproof: *Have you been convicted of any wrong thinking or behavior?*

Which part of this passage exposed a "symptom of stubbornness" you have experienced?

- a) Denying warnings in God's word.
- b) Praying for relief without repentance.
- c) Waiting God out or delaying obedience.

Correction: *What do you need to correct in light of this passage?*

- How does Pharaoh's consistent stubbornness serve as a warning? Does hardening your heart get easier to repeat each time?

Training in Righteousness: *What are practices or habits you can form or change?*

- How can your small group encourage each other not to harden your hearts, but to respond in faith?
- Is there someone you can give permission to "See to it" when it comes "holding to your convictions." (See Hebrews 3:12-15)

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

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