



Using all the plagues from chapter 7 through 12, God changes the heart of a nation by the hard heart of their King/God. Those who oppose God are destined for a long and disastrous journey. This is the defining action in Israel's history. So too, God gives us his "firstborn" so that we might be set free. He pays that price for us so that we don't have to face the punishment for sin that we deserve.

Opening Question:

When have you knowingly broken a rule or law? Did you suffer any consequences?

Read: Exodus 11:1-10

What insights or questions do you have from this weekend's message or worship service?

Understanding the Story:

Why do you think Moses didn't take Pharaoh up on his initial offers to let the people go out in the wilderness and worship God for a few days, but leave the women and children, or animals behind?

Why did God ask the Israelites to request gold and silver from their neighbors? Why would their neighbors actually give it to them?

How might the sacrifice (Egyptian firstborn) in this story correspond to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

Many people ask if it was fair for God to do this. If you had a skeptic come to you and doubt God's fairness in sending this plague against the Egyptians, what would you say to him/her?

Living the Story:

When has God done something in your own life that did not make sense or seemed harsh? How did you engage with God through that?

Understanding that this passage is connected to the grander story of Scripture and redemption, what do you learn about God's character from this passage?

Pray:

As a group, pray through Psalm 51:1-12. Read the passage aloud and silently or aloud confess your own hardness of heart.