

# FRESNOCHURCH

## Connection Group Guide Week of Sunday, May 17th

On Sunday we marched through the first nine of the ten plagues that God sent to Egypt because Pharaoh would not free the Israelite people from slavery. Throughout these plagues we saw that God is totally incomparable. We also learned how God is uncompromising in his commands and that he relentlessly pursues his own glory.

**Exodus 10:1-2** *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may do these miraculous signs of mine among them, and so that you may tell your son and grandson how severely I dealt with the Egyptians and performed miraculous signs among them, and you will know that I am the Lord."*<sup>CSB</sup>

### OPENING question

When have you seen the effects of a natural disaster?

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### CONSIDER what is going on in the passage

Why is it significant that God demonstrated his power and authority over the Nile River?

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Which of the plagues in chapter 8 (frogs, gnats, and flies) do you find most disturbing?

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Why do you think chapter 9 emphasizes Pharaoh's sin? (See verses 27 and 34)

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Of all the plagues mentioned in chapters 7-10 which would you be the most anxious to avoid? Why?

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**APPLY** what we learned into our daily lives

After each plague we see Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Where do you see evidence of hard hearts in today's world?

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Are there any areas of your life you are trying to bargain with God even now? What obstacles might be holding you back from fully submitting to his will?

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What are some ways your group can intercede for and help people who are currently struggling?

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**WORSHIP** God this week

When has the power of nature struck you in a meaningful way? What can we learn about God from this power?

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