

THE LIMITS OF GOD'S PATIENCE

Exodus 11

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

(See the next page for questions for families/children)

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- This week, the Covid-19 virus (Coronavirus) caused cancellations and disruptions in our world and our community. How have you and your family been immediately affected?
- Amidst the concern and confusion right now, we CAN and MUST continue to rest in the promises of God. What are some of the truths that you can cling to from the Bible? How do those promises give you confidence right now?
- We're approaching the Easter season. The resurrection of Christ brings hope and victory! How does the certainty of the resurrection compare to the uncertainty of what might come in our future?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 11. In his message, Pastor Pat asked, "**Who is this God Who displayed His power?**".

Six characteristics of God in Exodus 11:

1. **He is a Jealous God**
 - What does it mean that God is jealous, and why is important that He is?
2. **He is a Gracious God (vs. 2)**
 - Talk to your group about some of the trials you have experienced. How has God been gracious?
3. **He is an Empowering God (vs. 3)**
 - In what ways has God empowered you to influence others? What are your gifts and passions?
4. **He is a Vengeful God (vs. 4-7)**
 - How does the death of the firstborn in Egypt remind us of how serious sin is to God?
5. **He is a Distinguishing God (vs. 7)**
 - God loves all, but only His children will spend eternity with Him. Are you sure you'll be in heaven?
6. **He is a Limited God (vs. 8-10)**
 - Who do you need to talk to about eternity this week?

TAKE-AWAY

- If God chose to take down some of your personal idols, where would He start?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Praise God as a group like this, "Lord, in times of confusion and concern, we trust in you because..."



QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

What are you excited to do during Spring Break?

Do you have any favorite Bible verses about God? What do they teach you about God or about you?

God showed His power to the Old Testament Egyptians and to His people, the Israelites. How does God show us His power in our lives today?

Look up the word "jealous" in the dictionary. How does that help you better understand why God is a "jealous God"?

Draw a picture, or talk to your family about some of the things that are more important to you than God. The Bible calls those things "idols."

As a family, make a list of friends, neighbors, and/or family members that need to hear the Good News of Jesus. Pray for them and pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with them. (see Luke 21:13)

Each week we encourage kids to memorize a verse from God's Word and recite them on Sunday morning to their teachers. Consider having children in your group recite and explain their memory verse to you... and give them a prize for doing so.

This week's memory verse: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16