

## HOW GOD DEFEATS OUR IDOLS

Exodus 7:14-8:24

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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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

### CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Go around your group showing the picture on your phone wallpaper or another one of your favorite pictures. What do these images reveal about what you hold dear?

### APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last week. 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 7:14-8:24. In his message, Pastor Pat gave us **four reminders about our idols**.

#### God knocks out Egyptian gods with the first four plagues:

1. Water to blood (Exodus 7:14-19)
2. Frogs (Exodus 8:1-4)
3. Gnats/Lice (Exodus 8:16-19)
4. Flies (Exodus 8:22-23)

***A counterfeit god (idol) is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living. Tim Keller***

#### When It Comes To Your Idols:

1. *Satan doesn't mind lengthening your chain, so long as you're still on his chain (Exodus 8:25, 28)*
  1. How does satan use this tactic to fool us into thinking that we're safe?
  2. Where have you seen the subtle steps of compromise taking place in your life?
2. *You're not going to change God's mind but you should let God change yours*
  1. As a group, give some examples of times when you haven't allowed God to change you.
  2. What are some of the small steps that you've taken to change to be more like Jesus?
3. *You can keep following your idols but sooner or later, they'll stink*
  1. Do you think we would struggle with sin as much if we could see the future results of sin in our lives? Why or why not?
  2. Are there any idols in your life that have started to stink? Which ones?
4. *God will not exalt Himself in you - until you exhaust yourself of your idols*
  1. Vance Havner said, "We cannot expect God to take away our sins by forgiving them if we're not willing to put them away by forsaking them."
  2. Be honest - which of these idols do you struggle with: Approval, Comfort, Power, Control?
  3. What can you do (or start to do) this week to forsake those idols and live in submission to God?
  4. How can your Cell Group help you?

***Our hearts are idol-making factories. John Calvin***

### PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will give you the wisdom and strength to ruthlessly eradicate the idols from your life.

