

HOW GOD DEFEATS OUR IDOLS (PART 2)

Exodus 9-10

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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.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- The Egyptians worshiped hundreds of rather interesting gods - the god of the Nile, the frog god, the bull god, the god of the flies, etc. What are some of the “gods” that our culture worships today?
 - Do you think future generations will laugh at what we worship like we might laugh at what the Egyptians worshiped? What should that tell us about what we worship?

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 9-10 quickly. In his message, Pastor Pat challenged us to **eliminate our idols**.

God knocks out Egyptian gods with the plagues:

5. Death to Livestock (Exodus 9:1-7)
6. Boils (Exodus 9:8)
7. Hail (Exodus 9:13-35)
8. Locusts (Exodus 10:1-3)
9. Felt Darkness (Exodus 10:21-23)

God displays four attributes throughout the plagues (Exodus 9:15-21). Which of these attributes that God has displayed in your life means the most to you? Why is that?

1. His Patience (Exodus 9:15)
2. His Power (Exodus 9:16)
3. His Name (Exodus 9:16b)
4. His Mercy (Exodus 9:19-21)

Remember, When It Comes To Your Idols:

1. *Satan doesn't mind lengthening your chain, so long as you're still on his chain.*
 1. What are the “hints” of sin in your life (Ephesians 5:3)? What are you doing to eliminate them?
2. *You're not going to change God's mind but you should let God change yours.*
 1. Is God trying to change your mind about an idol you are worshipping? Will you repent?
3. *You can keep following your idols but sooner or later, they'll ruin you.*
 1. One of Satan's tactics is to cause us to **stall** in our obedience, but slow obedience is no obedience at all. Is God calling you to do something but you're stalling? What is it?
4. *God will not exalt Himself in you - until you exhaust yourself of your idols.*
 1. If you want to break the chains that bind you, you need to part with your sin behind you.

Life events with clear God-explanations are meant to be recorded and rehearsed (Ps 111:4). What will your kids, grandkids, and future generations remember about you?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

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

