

Reflection Questions May 14, 2023 Sign #2 – The Finger of God Exodus 8:16-19

Our passage today, focusing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> sign performed in Egypt is punctuated by an astonishing admission on the part of Pharaoh's magicians. They identify these events as 'the finger of God.' They couldn't have been more correct. But God is responsible for far more than only this. By His fingers we attribute all creation.

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. How do the plagues on Egypt illustrate and affirm God's act in creation, decreation and re-creation?
- 2. How should discovering the immensity of God compel us to respond like David dies in Psalm 8:3-4? In what ways have we seen the modern church miss this important point?
- 3. What are some of the ways that our understanding of creation impacts the way we see everything else? How do these views shape our behavior?
- 4. Engage in a brief study of some of the mentions of God's 'fingers' in Scripture. What does this reveal about Him? What does it reveal about His purposes for us and the world?
- 5. How does ignoring God's Word lead to disorder in both the national and individual levels? Why is this the case?
- 6. How does the re-creation of man's heart illustrate the coming re-creation of all the world? Think of the order of events that we read in Genesis 3 of the account of creation falling into sin.
- 7. What did Jesus mean in Luke 11:20 when He said, "But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."
- 8. Where does your life bear testimony of God's act of re-creation? Where are the areas of your life that still need to be brought into order?