



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

In this exploration of Exodus chapters 7-10, we're confronted with the timeless question: 'Who is the Lord that I should obey Him?' Through the dramatic account of the plagues in Egypt, we witness God's relentless pursuit of His people and His desire to be known. The story of Pharaoh's hardened heart serves as a mirror, reflecting our own struggles with obedience and trust. As we see God systematically dismantling the false gods of Egypt, we're challenged to examine the idols in our own lives. What are we clinging to instead of fully surrendering to God? This message reminds us that God's ultimate goal is not just to free us from bondage, but to reveal His supreme power and love, so that His name may be proclaimed throughout the earth. It's a call for us to recognize God's sovereignty in every aspect of our lives and to respond with wholehearted worship and obedience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the concept of God's sovereignty, as demonstrated through the plagues in Exodus, challenge or comfort you in your own life circumstances?
2. In what ways might you be like Pharaoh, bargaining with God or hardening your heart against His will?
3. How does understanding Jesus' willingness to take on God's judgment for us impact your view of grace and your response to it?
4. What 'false gods' or idols in your life might God be trying to expose and overthrow, similar to how He targeted the Egyptian deities?
5. How does the repeated phrase 'that you may know that I am the Lord' shape your understanding of God's actions in history and in your personal life?
6. In what ways do you struggle with the question 'Who is the Lord that I should obey Him?' in your daily decisions and priorities?

7. How does the pastor's interpretation of Pharaoh's identity as the 'Snake King' relate to modern struggles with identity and self-worship?
8. What insights does the sermon offer about the relationship between God's judgments and His desire to be known and worshipped?
9. How might viewing your life's hardships through the lens of God's 'gracious plagues' change your perspective on difficulties?
10. In what ways does the sermon challenge or affirm your understanding of God's character as both just and merciful?