

Small Group Guide: "Let My People Go!"

Exodus 6-9 | Week of January 17, 2026

Discussion Questions

1. Why couldn't the Israelites respond to Moses' message of hope in Exodus 6:9? What does "broken spirit and cruel bondage" look like in our modern context?
2. The message mentions that Pharaoh's heart was hardened because "he did not want to change." How does resistance to change harden our hearts toward God today?
3. The plagues weren't just for Pharaoh—they were for Israel and Egypt too. What was God revealing about Himself through these judgments?
4. Are there areas in your life where you feel spiritually bound or unable to hear God's voice clearly? What "Pharaohs" (controlling forces, fears, habits) are holding you back from full freedom in Messiah?
5. How does understanding that "service to the Lord is worship and worship is service" change your perspective on daily life?
6. Moses predicted that Pharaoh would return to his old ways once the pressure was off (Exodus 9:30). Can you recall a time when you cried out to God in crisis but returned to old patterns when relief came? What happened?

7. Some Israelites later wanted to return to Egypt despite their freedom. Why do people sometimes choose oppression over the freedom God offers? What makes freedom in Yeshua challenging?

8. Moses and Aaron were messengers—God did the work. How does this truth change the way we approach intercessory prayer or ministry to others?

Key Takeaways

1. ****Bondage blinds us to God's promises.**** Broken spirits struggle to hear hope, but God is patient in revealing Himself over time.
2. ****God alone is sovereign over life and death.**** The plagues demonstrated that no Egyptian god or magician had true power—only the LORD.
3. ****Hardened hearts resist change.**** Pharaoh could have let go easily, but his refusal to change led to increasing judgment.
4. ****We must choose whom we will serve.**** Every moment presents a choice: serve God or serve something else (fear, comfort, control, etc.).
5. ****Service to God is worship.**** Our entire lives—not just Shabbat mornings—are meant to be acts of worship through service to Him.
6. ****God's judgments are righteous and true.**** Even when harsh, God's judgments reveal His holiness and justice (Revelation 16:5-7).