

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

1/27/19

Text: Exodus 7-11 (ESV)

Title: The 10 Plagues

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Tim taught us about God bringing the 10 plagues on Egypt in a demand for Pharaoh to let His people go. As Tim said, each of the plagues was a direct attack on the false gods of Egypt, and in them God was both declaring his authority and power over all other counterfeit gods, and laying claim to the people that belonged to Him, not Pharaoh. As we saw, like Pharaoh and the Egyptians, we are often antagonists toward God, finding counterfeit gods and idols to worship and put our faith and trust in. The beauty of the gospel is that even though we are antagonistic toward God (“agonizing against”), God is the great Protagonist (“agonizing for”) who fights for his people Israel in Exodus, and in a greater sense, agonizes for His people in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and saves people like us from our allegiance to all other gods.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Like going to the bank or picking up your child from the nursery, as their owner and maker God demands from Pharaoh to have what rightfully belongs to Him: His people.*
 - What would it be like if someone refused to give you what rightfully belonged to you? (\$, Kids...etc.) How have you experienced that?***
- 2. In the movie “Catch Me if you Can”, Frank Abagnale defrauds banks across the country with counterfeit checks to steal millions of dollars. In a similar fashion, in our sin we make claims to things that don’t belong to us and chase after idols (\$, pornography, work, beauty, health, power) that make empty promises they can’t keep.*
 - How have you experienced the failure of an earthly idol to keep its promises?***
 - What things do you have in your life that if God demanded them, you would refuse?***
 - How does your “perceived” ownership of those things change how you treat them?***
- 3. Jesus, our “Mighty Protagonist”, Agonizes for us to both free us, and call us to something better. Rather than using creation to fulfill our needs and desires, we are invited to go to Him, instead.*
 - What does it tell you about God that He not only “calls” His people out, but he fights and sacrifices to get what is His?***
 - What are you trying to squeeze from created things that only God was meant to supply? Worship Him and ask Him to change your heart.***

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION *(Me)*

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING *(Jesus)*

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION *(Holy Spirit)*

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

5. Prepare for Gospel Community *(My Neighbor)*

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

Prayer Items

- 1. Worship the LORD for His kindness to call us to repentance and faith. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is loving enough to not leave us in a state of alienation and unbelief, but call us out of it!*
- 2. How have you lived either loving to argue (out of pride) or conflict averse (out of fear)? Confess your lack of love to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for both fighting with Him and avoiding Him.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for being our Protagonist. Thank Him that He loves us enough to tell us the hard truth of our condition in sin and that He's gracious to save us when we could never save ourselves.*
- 4. Who do you know that lives like Pharaoh – proud in their unbelief? Pray for them, asking the Lord to soften their hearts. And pray for yourself that He would give you loving courage to speak up to them about Jesus.*
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of joy – especially at the freedom Jesus gives by outstripping idols. Pray that the Lord would fill you with joy at how you've been loved when you were God's enemy and that the LORD is yours and you are His.*