

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / FEBRUARY 9

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read Exodus 10:1–6 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “The knowledge of God is his self-revelation for the purpose of an intimate relationship with us.”
- “The plagues point to the uniqueness of God by revealing his transcendence.”
- “The plagues point to the kindness of God in confronting our idols.”
- “The plagues reveal the grace of God.”
- Knowing God should make us bold for God, it should deepen our worship of God, and should lead to obedience.

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon and why? How did it challenge or encourage you personally?
2. Reflect on this quote: “We are most bold about what we are most sure about.” How does knowing God deeply impact our boldness in living for him?
3. Pastor Bryan said that God's kindness can involve “demolishing the wall” we lean on instead of him. What “walls” or idols have you struggled with putting before God?
4. How does the Israelites' worship in response to experiencing God's glory challenge you in your own worship, both personally and corporately?
5. The plagues resulted from Pharaoh's disobedience. Where is God calling you to obey him more fully in your life right now? What steps will you take?

SCRIPTURE

- “I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.”
- Isaiah 45:5–7 (**ESV**)

PRAYER

- Thank God for his grace in our lives, both in the things he's protected us from and the ways he's lovingly disciplined us.
- Ask God to expose any idols in our lives that we've been leaning on instead of him, and for the strength to tear them down.