



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.5.23
Exodus 7:14-10:29 // Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 If you had to experience one of the first nine plagues, what do you think would be the most terrible, and why?

List of the First Nine Plagues:

1. Blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice or gnats
4. Flies
5. Livestock
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locust
9. Darkness

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

1. Watch the weekly sermon recap video [HERE](#).
2. If you did not do this last week - since we did not have the time to read through all of the plagues during the sermon, please divide up the plagues among your group and have each person read one or two of the plagues on their own in order to prepare for the conversation.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Pastor Joe said that one of the purposes of God in this week's passage in Exodus is to show His mercy. Read James 1:1-15. Thinking about the sermon and the passage you just read, why does James tell us that we can face trials with joy?
- 3 Read Exodus 10:1-2 and 1 Timothy 1:12-16. Based on Joe's sermon and the passages you just read, what is the purpose of God's patience with His people?
- 4 How have you seen God's mercy and patience in action in your life to draw you closer to Him? What is a specific experience you have had where God took away something you were relying on instead of Him?



APPLY (30 MIN)

CVC's Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup says under the "Living Truth" tells us that "in a healthy LifeGroup, members hold one another accountable to biblical obedience."

- What does it look like for Christians in community to "hold one another accountable to biblical obedience? What does this look like in your life right now?
- Is there anything in your life right now that you are holding onto so tightly you could not, or would not, be willing to give it over to the Lord?
- Is there any confession that needs to happen in your heart/life in this season, specifically regarding something you might be unwilling to give over to God (this could be a sin struggle, a relationship, an idea about what you want for your future, etc.)?

PRAY (15 MIN)

During your time of study and application, there may be prayers that rise to the surface for individuals or the group. Take those things collectively to the Lord in prayer. We would also encourage your group to make a list of people that you are praying for to trust Jesus as the leader and forgiver of their life. Pray for the list often and hold one another accountable to share the good news as the Holy Spirit provides and prompts.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- TGC Course - Introduction to Exodus:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-exodus/>
- Have You Considered God's Patience?:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/have-you-considered-gods-patience/#:~:text=Psalm%20103%3A8%2C%20%E2%80%9CThe,to%20lead%20you%20to%20repentance%3F%E2%80%9D>
- Have Mercy on Me - Four Glimpses into the Heart of God:
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/have-mercy-on-me>



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 11.05.23

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

CVC YOUNG ADULTS

Thanksgiving Potluck: November 14 - 6pm

CVC Young Adult ministry is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Potluck dinner at CVC Broadview Heights Campus. This will be a time of great food, fellowship, and of course fun! This is a great opportunity to come together, share a meal together, and invite a friend too! If you do plan on attending, please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Men's Retreat: November 17-18 // Stony Glen Camp

You are invited to an invigorating and memorable time at the 2023 Men's Ministry Retreat. The Stony Glen Camp and Christ-centered fellowship make for one of the highlights of the year. You won't be disappointed. Bring a friend and expect to make some new friends. Cost is \$50, and includes lodging and meals.



CVC YOUTH

Impact Fall Retreat: November 17-19

All high-school students are invited to bring a Bible, a cozy blanket, and their favorite game for this short weekend away. Students can expect to dive deep into the Bible to learn more about how God intends for us to understand His Word. Registration is now open [HERE](#).



SAVE-THE-DATES

Women's Christmas Party: December 6th

CVC Youth Ice Skating: December 10th

Men's Christmas Party: December 13th