



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 10.29.23
Exodus 7:14-10:29 // Rick Duncan

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

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Pastor Rick shared that God uses the miraculous however He sees fit. Can you share a time when you witnessed God do something miraculous or extraordinary and how it impacted your life?

EXPLORE (45 MIN)

Create Context (10 min):

1. Watch the weekly sermon recap video [HERE](#).
2. 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 (40 min)

- 2 During each plague Pharaoh responds differently based on the circumstances. Have members of the group share how Pharaoh responded during the plague that they read. How does Pharaoh reflect the human condition apart from Christ?
 - o Discuss Pharaoh in plague #1 vs. the proconsul in Acts 13:4-12
 - o Discuss Pharaoh in plague #2 vs. the Corinthians in 2 Cor. 7:8-10
 - A similar situation happens in plague #7 (hail). In the third service, pastor Rick mentioned that sometimes God gives us relief from consequences and we go right back to our idolatry. Are there any areas in your life where you're experiencing worldly grief instead of godly grief?
 - o Discuss Pharaoh's partial obedience in plagues #4 & #8. Compare to John's commands to believers in 1 John 2:3-6.
- 3 We see no evidence that Moses knew how long it was going to take for Pharaoh to relent. If we put ourselves in the shoes of Moses and Aaron, some of the tasks that they are asked to perform seem a bit odd.
 - o Have each member share what God commands Moses and Aaron to do to initiate their plague.
 - What common theme do we see in the responses of Moses and Aaron AND God's responses to them?
 - 7:20; 8:5-6; 8:17; 9:8-10; 9:22-23; 10:1-3; 10:11-12; 10:21-22
 - 8:12-13; 8:30-31; 9:33; 10:18-19
 - What have Moses and Aaron learned between chapter 2 and now?
 - Discuss the similarities to Jesus' words in John 15:4-7



- ④ The first three plagues affect both Egypt and the land of Goshen (where the Hebrew people lived). But the text specifically notes that God guards the Israelites from the 4th, 5th, 7th, and 9th plagues. We're not sure why this is the case, but it is. Sometimes God protects them from the plagues and other times he does not.
- Read the parable in Luke 6:46-49.
 - In what ways do you see correlations between this text and the situation for the Hebrews in Exodus?

APPLY

- Are there any areas in your life where you are giving God only partial obedience?
- Are there any areas in your life where your actions do not reflect an abiding relationship with Jesus?
- When trials come into your life, what is the evidence that your life is built on the solid foundation of Christ?

Accountability

Depending on the time, rhythm, and makeup of the group, this can be done together or by separating into smaller groups (if the group is large) or by gender (if the group is mixed).

We suggest using 2-3 of the accountability questions found at cvonline.org/relate each week.

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.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Night Of Worship: THIS WEDNESDAY - November 1st!

You are invited to a CVC Night of Worship on Wednesday, November 1 from 7-9pm at the BVH campus. Join us as we sing together, pray together, and read God's Word together. This Worship Night is open to all, and free childcare is provided! It's a great opportunity to come together to praise God, and it's also a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to worship alongside you. We are looking forward to this time together - hope to see you there!

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

CVC Young Adults Thanksgiving Potluck: November 14

Women's Christmas Party: December 6th

CVC Youth Ice Skating: December 10th

Men's Christmas Party: December 13th