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This week's reading in the 2015/16 reading plan includes: Exodus 27-33; John 6-12

Ice Breaker: Briefly describe a time you were in awe of the power of God.

1. Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.
2. Throughout this account, God continued to harden Pharaoh's heart. In light of this, what is the danger of us being stubborn toward God? Consider Romans 1:21-24, 28. Consider also James 1:22-25.
3. Is it concerning to you that God uses such a wide variety of devastation to accomplish his purpose? Do you find it comforting that God is in control of even pestilence and natural disasters? Consider Isaiah 45:7; Psalms 135:6-7; Psalms 107:23-31.
4. When you are in the midst of dire conditions, what brings you the most hope? Is it enough to know the character and promises of God, or do you desire to be out of difficult circumstances before you trust and believe in him? Consider Daniel 3:16-25.
5. This passage ends with the Israelites still in the midst of dire circumstances, yet they had the promise of God that he would deliver them. When we see ourselves in similar circumstances and we cannot see our way out, what responsibility do we have (before God & toward others) to continually trust in the nature and promises of God? Consider Romans 8:24-25; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Heb 11:6-7.
6. Which one of God's promises gives you the most hope? Some examples are Rom 8:28-29, 31-32, 35-39; Matt 28:20; Psalms 139:5; 1 Cor 15:58; John 14:21, 15:4-5; 2 Tim 4:18; 1 John 1:9, 5:4
 1. Which do you have the hardest time accepting in your current situation?

Sermon Outline:

- I. Moses brings news of God's deliverance to the people of Israel. (Ex. 4:29-31)
- II. Moses' first encounter with Pharaoh (Ex. 5)
- III. **God responds by giving hope through the revelation of his name (Ex. 6:2-8)**
- IV. Moses gives Pharaoh a chance to let the Israelites go before he brings the plagues (Ex. 7:1-13)
- V. First plague: Water to Blood (Ex. 7:14-25)
- VI. Second plague: Frogs (Ex. 8:1-15)
- VII. Third plague: Gnats (Ex. 8:16-19)
- VIII. Fourth plague: Flies (Ex. 8:20-32)
- IX. Fifth plague: Egyptian Livestock Die (Ex. 9:1-7)
- X. Sixth plague: Boils (Ex. 9:8-12)
- XI. Seventh plague: Hail (Ex. 9:13-35)
- XII. Eighth plague: Locusts (Ex. 10:1-20)
- XIII. Ninth plague: Darkness (Ex. 10:21-29)