“The Plagues Continue”

*Exodus 9-11*

Opening Question(s) – choose (a) or (b)

1. Recall the most severe storm you were ever in. What did you see? Hear? Smell? Feel? Where did you find shelter?
2. When you (or your kids) were little, how did you (or they) try to get their way? Did it work?

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Exodus 9.** What is the significance of the plague on their livestock? Of sparing the Israelites’ animals?
2. What did Pharaoh’s investigators find (v.7)? What did Pharaoh do in response, and why?
3. What new element(s) do you see in the plague of boils? Its significance?
4. How does the LORD up his game with the plague of hail (vv.14-17), and why?
5. How do Pharaoh’s officials respond (vv.20-21), and why? What new & old response(s) does Pharaoh make (v.27-28, 34-35)?
6. What effect have you seen personal or public “plagues” have on yourself? On others?
7. **Read Exodus 10.** What is the purpose of these miraculous signs (vv.1-2)?

What miraculous signs have you seen or experienced? Have you told others about them? Why or why not?

1. In addition to God (v.3), who else asks “how long” this will continue (vv.7-8), and why?
2. Where do you think Pharaoh feels the most pressure: from God? Moses? His officials? The locusts? His guilty conscience? How does he try and deal with the pressure?
3. What is missing from the onset of the plague of darkness? What do you make of that?
4. Given that Pharaoh was considered the son of the sun god, what effect would three days of darkness have?
5. How effective is Pharaoh’s offer and threat (vv.24,28)?
6. **Read Exodus 11**. How is this plague to be different from the others?
7. Why do you think Pharaoh disregards Moses’ warning here (vv.10-11)? Why do you think people disregard God’s warnings today?
8. What is/are your take-away lesson(s) from today’s study?