



DISCIPLESHIP

Winter 2018 Sermon Series

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From Exodus to Easter

Pastor Steve & Pastor Dillon

1.) What is your biggest pet-peeve? Why does it bother you? If there is a story share it.

Read Exodus 7:14-25

2.) What do you think Pharaoh's greatest fear is?

3.) What is the point of the Nile turning to blood? What did this teach Pharaoh? Egyptians? Israel?

Lee Ryken writes, "There were about eighty major deities in Egypt all clustered around three great natural forces of Egyptian life: the Nile River, the land, and the sky... The first two plagues were against the gods of the Nile, The next four were against the land gods. The final four plagues were against the gods of the sky, culminating in the death of the firstborn."

4.) It appears that God is directly addressing Egypt's national identity and the source of their pride and existence with the first plague. What would be a similar experience in today's world?

5.) How does Pharaoh's sense of control and power trap him in a cycle of sin? Why won't he concede?

Read Acts 4:5-13

6.) What do you think the Jewish leaders greatest fear is?

7.) If the plagues are anti-creation how is Jesus about re-creation?

8.) What does the text tell you about the result of Peter and John spending time with Jesus?

Application

9.) What is my greatest nightmare? What do I worry about most?

10.) What makes me feel the most self-worth? What am I the proudest of?

11.) Often good things can become "functional idols." Functional idols are things that you turn to for your security or identity. Who would I be if I lost my job? Make X number of dollars? When I am an empty nester? Lose my Spouse? Get a promotion?

12.) How is God challenging you to address or rethink your greatest nightmare or what you are most proud of?