

Cross references and additional connections: Look these up!

- ❑ Hardness of heart: 1 Sam. 6:6; Romans 9:14-18
- ❑ Reflecting on the plagues: Deuteronomy 6:20-22; Psalm 135:8-9; Psalm 136:1, 10-16
- ❑ Human Authority: Daniel 3:16-18; Acts 5:27-29; Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 2:13-17
- ❑ Authority of Christ: Matthew 28:19-20; John 17:1-2
- ❑ God's Judgment: Psalm 9:7-8; Revelation 19:1-2
- ❑ Difficulty of Obedience: Matthew 10:37-39; Mark 10:23-27; Luke 9:57-62

Questions for reflection:

- ❖ The Bible makes it clear that God is all-powerful. Why then does He allow or even actively place bad leaders in positions of power?
- ❖ Read 1 Sam. 15:22-23. Reflect on God's view of rebellion against Him.
- ❖ What is the significance of Moses asking for Pharaoh's permission to depart with all of Israel instead of just leaving?
- ❖ How does our American view of authority (rebellion against bad authority is noble as in the Revolutionary War, Monarchy is wrong, each individual's opinion/vote is equally valid, etc.) affect our view of submission to God as the ultimate King?

Looking Forward: Easter

Exodus Series

"Let my people go!"



Exodus 5-11

Looking Back: Exodus 32

List observations from this week's passage that are new for you:

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Loving God with your actions

- ❑ Make a list of the ways you imitate God well. List some ways you struggle to look like Him.

- ❑ Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Sometimes, it's helpful to look at examples of people around us. List a few Jesus followers that you know well and see the ways that you can imitate them.
 - ❑ Maybe even consider asking one of those people to mentor you in order to help you become a more mature Jesus follower.

- ❑ Consider how Christ loves us (sacrificially, considering others better than Himself, humbly, etc.) Make a list of 10 specific ways you can care about others around you like Christ does this week . Choose at least 3 to put into practice.

Loving God with your heart

- ❑ How do you feel about the idea that you are a slave of God, slaves of righteousness, and Christ's slave? Why are these ideas hard for us to accept at times?
- ❑ Do you see signs of hidden rebellion in your heart? (toward God directly, or indirectly by rebellion against authorities He has placed over us)

- ❑ Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death." This often reflects our American feelings about authority. Rewrite that statement to reflect a more Biblical view of authority:

Loving God with your mind

- We tend to think of rebellion as loud and obvious (declaration of war), but a lot of our rebellious tendencies are quiet and unassuming. Think about some of your "quiet rebellions" (speeding, criticizing authority, wanting your opinion to be the most important, ignoring parts of God's rules etc.) What are some ways you can change your way of thinking about your own rebellion?

Want to look deeper? Did you know...

- ❖ The words related to rebellion occur 131 times in the Bible and are almost exclusively negative.
- ❖ The words related to submission and obedience occur 185 times and are almost always positive.
- ❖ Head to the Bible Project video on Exodus to learn more! Use this link: https://youtu.be/jH_aojNJM3E