**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* Have you ever experienced or witnessed a natural disaster? What was   
  your experience? How did it affect you?

**DIG DEEPER:**

**Read Exodus 7-8.**

* At first reading, what stands out to you from this passage of scripture?
* In your opinion, which of the first three plagues would be the hardest to endure?
* By the third plague, Pharaoh’s magicians draw a correct conclusion. What is it (see 8:18-19)? Knowing that seven more plagues are coming, what does this tell us about Pharaoh’s resolve? His belief in the strength of his own gods?
* Pharaoh is a case study in the root issue at the heart of every man, we worship the wrong things. How do we see this in Pharaoh’s response to the first three Plagues? What do you notice about Pharaoh’s responses to each of the plagues as they progress? How do his tactics change? What do they indicate he believes is true of Yahweh? Of himself?

**MAKING IT PERSONAL:**

* The first three Egyptian gods that God attacked through the plagues were Happiness, Success, and Comfort. If you were to place these in order of importance to you, how would they rank?
* When it comes to happiness, success and comfort, do you find it easy to wait for God to bring about these in your life, or do you tend to seek to gain them on your own? How has this played out in your life for good or bad?
* The first three plagues affect both the Egyptians and the Israelites, but   
  the rest affect only the Egyptians. Why does God sometimes allow the   
  just to suffer for the sins of the unjust? What should be our attitude in those times?

**Upcoming at Wave**

**STARTING POINT | NOV. 4TH**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next   
one will be Nov. 4th, right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to   
Wave, our Wave Pastors, and hear about the story and heart of our   
church. More importantly, Starting Point is designed to make it easy for   
you to connect and navigate the next steps to Connect, Grow and Serve   
at Wave. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**PRAYER WALK | NOV. 10TH**

##### Prayer-walking involves taking our prayers to the very places where we desire to see God’s presence manifested and our prayers answered. Prayer-walking is the powerful dynamic of praying on-site with God's sight. It uses the sights, sounds, even smells to engage both body and mind in the ministry of prayer. Join us at Willow Grove Elementary on Saturday, Nov. 10th at 10 a.m. as we pray on behalf of our community!

**JOIN A SERVE TEAM TODAY**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another.   
We believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so we can use them to serve Him and others. One way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries. For more information, please fill out a communication card and check ***‘I want to find a place to serve.’***

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill   
out your communication card and write ***Newsletter*** to get   
a weekly email update from Wave!

**EXODUS 7-8**

**MY GOD IS BETTER THAN YOUR GOD**

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**Exodus 5:1-2 (ESV)** *Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’ ” 2But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord…”*

**WHO IS THE LORD, THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE?**

**THE ROOT ISSUE IN THE HEART OF MAN IS WE WORSHIP   
THE WRONG THINGS**

**THE 10 PLAGUES**

* **WERE MIRACULOUS**
* **WERE MEANINGFUL**
* **REVEAL THE MERCY OF GOD**

**EXODUS 7:1-25 (ESV) | PLAGUE #1 | NILE INTO BLOOD**

*14Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. 15Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. 16And you shall say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But so far, you have not obeyed. 17Thus says the Lord, “By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. 18The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.” ’ ” 19And the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.’ ” 20Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. 21And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. 22But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. 23Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. 24And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile. 25Seven full days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile.*

**HAPI | GODDESS OF THE NILE = FULLNESS OF LIFE**

* FULLNESS OF LIFE CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN GOD

**EXODUS 8:1-15 (ESV)  | PLAUGE #2 | FROGS**

*8Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Plead with the Lord to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.” 9Moses said to Pharaoh, “Be pleased to command me when I am to plead for you and for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be cut off from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile.” 10And he said, “Tomorrow.” Moses said, “Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God. 11The frogs shall go away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. They shall be left only in the Nile.” 12So Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord about the frogs, as he had agreed with Pharaoh. 13And the Lord did according to the word of Moses. The frogs died out in the houses, the courtyards, and the fields. 14And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. 15But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.*

**HEQET | GODDESS OF FRUITFULNESS & FERTILITY = SUCCESS**

* GOD IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF LASTING FRUITFULNESS

**EXODUS 8:16-19 (ESV)  | PLAUGE #3 | GNATS**

*16Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’ ” 17And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. 18The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. 19Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.*

**GEB | GOD OF THE EARTH = COMFORT AND PEACE**

* GOD IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF REST AND PEACE