

- 1) What's your favorite book and movie of all time (other than the Bible)?
- 2) Which of the first nine plagues would be the most difficult or disturbing to you? (Contaminated water, frogs, mosquitos, flies, death of animals, boils, hail, locusts, darkness?)
- 3) What are some repeated patterns in the storyline for this? What things keep happening?
- 4) What does the "plague" story show us about God? What is he like?
- 5) Read Isaiah 40:12-31. Similar to above, from this passage and from others like it, what impresses you about God?
- 6) Some are quick today to attribute natural disasters, like hurricanes and earthquakes, to God's judgment. Why might this be problematic? What CAN we know about God when these things happen?
- 7) Many people view God in the Old Testament as violent and judgmental. But this is most certainly not an accurate nor complete portrayal. How do the ten plagues actually demonstrate God's patience and kindness? Read Exodus 9:15-16, Ezekiel 33:11, & 2 Peter 3:9.
- 8) How does God's patience encourage you?
- 9) When it came to water, frogs, and gnats/mosquitos, (and possibly locusts), the Israelites seem to experience the plagues just like the Egyptians. But when it came to the flies, death of animals, boils, hail, locusts, darkness (and later on death of firstborn), the Israelites were protected. How does this relate to us as the people of God today? Read Luke 21:16-18.
- 10) Read 1 Peter 1:3-9, and 4:12-19. What should our perspective be when it comes to hardship as Christians?