

Sermon Series:

Exodus

Sermon Passage:

Exodus 7

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe someone who has a “hard heart?”
2. Read Proverbs 21:1. How does this proverb speak to the story of Pharaoh’s heart? Is it possible that God still uses rulers and presidents today to make His name know, even when those rulers appear to have “hard hearts?” Discuss.
3. God’s mercy and His judgment are at work in the story of Israel’s rescue and Egypt’s destruction. Do you think God is more about mercy or more about judgement? How do both mercy and judgement speak to God’s love for humanity?
4. When you are dealing with difficult people, do you find it easier to express mercy or judgement towards them? Why?
5. Did the people of Israel earn the right to be rescued? Can we earn the right to be rescued from our sin?
6. Just as Israel was rescued through the judgement of Egypt, we have been rescued through the judgement God placed on His Son, Jesus Christ. Why doesn’t God just forgive people without judging sin?
7. Read Romans 9:16-18. Who was in charge of the exodus; God, Israel, or Pharaoh? Why?