

# DEUCES | Exodus 5-11 | Leaders Notes

Main Idea: God shows His care for His people by using His power

Context: Talking through Exodus 5, 6, and 7

Plague Discovery Activity: 5 Minutes

- I am going to ask each pod to quickly go through each plague. From there, I want you to ask your pod, what stands out about each of the plagues.
- When you get finished above, to recap you could ask why do you think God chose these certain types of plagues? Do you think there is some connection with the Egyptian culture?
  - Do not reveal this until the end when you have listed the plagues and what stands out about each plague
  - Each plague is actually a god that the Egyptians serve. So by God enacting the plagues, He shows His power over the plagues, and therein showing His power over the Egyptian Gods
  - The reason why I want you to wait on this idea is because I really want the students to try and come to this conclusion on their own. Once again, I want them to do the discovery and thinking because there is more of a learning moment rather than us just telling them the answers.

Teaching:

- I will teach through God's power over the God's of Egypt

DQs [Discussion Questions]

- What does this story reveal about who God is?
  - God is powerful
  - God has revealed Himself to the Egyptians as more powerful than their gods
  - God will do what He must in order for His plan to be done- hardening Pharaoh's heart in order to bring Pharaoh and Egypt's destruction

- **He will do what He must with Justice-** Deut 32:3-4- I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he
- If we have a loving God, is it fair/right that He hurt the Egyptians?
  - **Short answer- Yes**
    - **If we take the Deuteronomy verses above, it shows us what kind of character God has. He is Just. He brings full justice. In this case, He is bringing justice upon the Egyptians for mistreating His people; Israel.**
    - **God is not only bringing justice but is also enacting a plan in order to cripple the Egyptians so as for the Israelites to experience true freedom while in the wilderness, and eventual future.**
  - **Loving does not mean always being nice- We like to equate these things, and there is some merit there, but not always.**
    - **Not saying to not be nice. But love looks sharp sometimes in order to call people to something higher**
    - **But sometimes loving people is not always saying the nice thing- However it does mean calling people out to calling them to something higher**
      - **Read Matthew 23- Jesus is calling the pharisees many 'bad' things. However, they are true because they are leading people astray. Face value, they are not nice things, but He is doing it in order to protect the people He loves and to warn the Pharisees for what they are doing.**
- What does this story of the plagues mean for us today?
  - **Our God is POWERFUL! He is able to do so many amazing things!**
    - **We have seen Jesus do so many different miracles and wonders during His ministry. - The Gospels**
    - **We have seen the Holy Spirit do incredible things while the church was just getting started- Acts 2**

