

CONVERSATION STARTERS

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

LEADER CHECK-IN

1. Have you created a Community Video yet? We love sharing these videos as a part of our weekly services, and we would love for you to make one and send it in! [Here's the link](#) to instructions and how to share your video.
2. Our Spiritual Practices short-term online group will be starting next week Sunday (Feb. 28, 2021) and it will run for 5 weeks. The group is facilitated by Mandy Kasper, our Spiritual Practices Pastor, from 7:00-8:30pm, each Sunday evening. If you are interested in signing up to be a part of this group, please connect with our Director of Connection, Jess Reimer, at jreimer@southridgechurch.ca.

GET STARTED

1. Feel free to watch [this week's service](#) as a group or [revisit the message](#) for review.
2. Can you think of a time when you used duct tape or band aids to try to fix something that was actually a bigger issue? Literal stories or metaphorical examples would be great to share with your group here!
3. Did you hear anything in this week's message that really hit home for you?

READ & REFLECT

1. Read through [Exodus 9:13 – 10:29](#) as a group. After reading the verses, what initially stands out to you?
2. We heard this week, that in response to the plagues, "Pharaoh's heart was hardened." Jeff talked about this as Pharaoh's will being very stubborn to what God was asking of him. When in your life are you stubborn towards what God is asking of you? What is happening in your life that causes you to harden your heart?
3. As the plagues progress in the story in Exodus, we see that they start to have an impact on Pharaoh, but we see that he only partially submits to God, in the words he uses, but not in his actions. Where in your life, are you only partially submitting to God, but not fully surrendering your life over to God?

RESPOND

1. What could a life of full devotion look like for you if you did surrender your life to God? Share with your group what it would take to fully trust in God. How would surrendering to God be liberating for you?
2. How can you lean on the support of others to help you live a life of full devotion to Jesus? How can others help you stop using "band aid solutions" to life's struggles?
3. Pray that God would help you to see where in your life, you are maintaining a hard heart or a stubborn will. Pray that God would nudge you towards change so that you can fully surrender your whole life in order to live in God's will instead of your own. Pray that you can have the support you need and to be the support that others might need, to see yourself and others living a life of full devotion to Jesus.

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