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Theme – Moses: Leader on the edge of breakthrough

(Moses and the plagues)

Warming Up to God

When do you feel that the world is spinning out of control? What do you need from God in those times?

Do you feel positive or negative in the current climate of change in the UK? Why do you feel this way? How can Christians on either side of the leave / remain debate promote unity and encourage one another?

Read Exodus Chapter 7 verse 8 to chapter 8 verse 23

Discovering the Word

- What was the first key sign of God's supremacy (7:8-13)?
- How did Pharaoh react to these "mighty acts of judgment," as God called them (7:3-4; 8:8)?
- What was the basic problem between God and Pharaoh (7:5, 17; 8:10)?
- What new disclosure does God make to Pharaoh about his power and the way it operates (8:22-23)?

Applying the Word

- In what matters is God in conflict with earthly powers today and how is this being worked out?
- Do you think that our nation is like Egypt in needing to be humbled? If so what are the key areas in which this process needs to occur? How might this create an opening for the gospel of Christ to flourish?
- When was the last time that you were humbled by God. How did you regain your self-confidence and your trust in him?
- We may not want to admit it but even as Christians our hearts can be hardened towards God incredibly quickly. In what ways are we vulnerable to this process occurring? How can we guard ourselves against it?

Responding in Prayer

Give thanks to your loving, gracious Father, who "has raised you up for this very purpose"—to demonstrate his power and proclaim his name in all the earth

Thanks to IVP for providing the key questions in this study. Some have been altered and there are also a few supplementary questions.