February 2nd, 2014

GOING DEEPER

LIFE LESSONS FROM MOSES – USED BY GOD "THE VOICE OF THE SUPER PLAGUES"

• Take time to wrestle with the topic of 'the hardening of Pharaoh's heart'. Look through Exodus 4-12 and identify references to this event. Note and compare the purposes of the hardening. Can you reconcile the tension between God's role and Pharaoh's choice in the hardening?

• Review the 10 plagues in Exodus 7-12. What are some of the common themes in the plagues? Moses complained that people were not listening to his message so God sent plagues to 'speak'. What message did the Egyptians receive? How about the Hebrews (Israelites)? Is there a common message for everyone then and even now?

• Does it make sense that God can use the same event(s) to both execute judgement and to bless? What does the 'voice' of the plagues communicate about justice?

• In Exodus 12 we discover the significance of the Passover lamb. See if you can find places in the New Testament where Jesus is called our Passover Lamb. Why is this such an appropriate description of our Saviour and Lord?

• Read Exodus 12-14 in preparation for next Sunday.