

GROUP AND PERSONAL RESOURCE

Hardened Heart Discussion and Practice Guide

Ten questions and seven concrete practices for moving from the theological tension in Exodus to honest repentance and immediate obedience.

A HEALTHY GROUP RHYTHM

Read the passage in context. State the tension fairly. Invite more than one voice. Test every conclusion by Scripture. Give silence to the personal questions. End with one specific response and prayer.

Key texts

Exodus 1:13-14; 4:21; 5:2; 7:3-5; 8:15, 32; 9:7, 12, 27, 34; 10:1-2, 16-17; 14:4; Romans 9:17-18; Hebrews 3:15; Ezekiel 36:26.

QUESTION 01

**Before this study, how would you have answered the question in one sentence?
What changed?**

QUESTION 02

Read Exodus 1:13-14 and 5:2. What do these passages reveal about Pharaoh before the hardening sequence?

DISCUSSION 3-5

Listen, examine, respond

QUESTION 03

Why does Scripture record repeated refusals before Exodus 9:12 says the LORD hardened Pharaoh?

QUESTION 04

Pharaoh confesses sin in Exodus 9:27 and 10:16 but never blames God. Why does that matter?

QUESTION 05

What does it mean to say that God exposed Pharaoh's evil rather than creating it? Compare Romans 1:24-28.

DISCUSSION 6-8

Listen, examine, respond

QUESTION 06

If God knew Pharaoh would refuse, what purpose was served by sending Moses back repeatedly?

QUESTION 07

What is the practical difference between wanting the frogs gone and wanting a new heart?

QUESTION 08

Where might you be asking God for relief when He is offering change?

DISCUSSION 9-10

Listen, examine, respond

QUESTION 09

Exodus 10:2 points to telling children what God did. What story of God's faithfulness should you share?

QUESTION 10

Hebrews 3:15 says 'today.' What obedience have you been treating as a someday?

CARRY IT INTO THE WEEK

Seven steps before next Wednesday

[] 1. Name the one thing
Write down one thing God has already told you to do that you have avoided.

[] 2. Do it this week
Obey without renegotiating the terms or attaching conditions.

[] 3. Read Exodus 5-14
Read the whole arc in one sitting and notice the repeated choices.

[] 4. Ask for a soft heart
Pray Ezekiel 36:26 before asking for changed circumstances.

[] 5. Confess without conditions
Name the sin plainly to God and, when needed, to the person harmed.

[] 6. Tell one trusted person
Invite someone to ask you whether you followed through.

[] 7. Invite someone to study
Bring another person into honest conversation around Scripture.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Ask for a heart of flesh

The clearest question from this study is not merely why God hardened Pharaoh. It is whether we will obey when God speaks today.

The one thing I know I need to do

The condition or excuse I need to release

The person I will invite to ask me about it

My prayer for a soft heart
