

## West Towne Circles Discussion Guide

# Out of Darkness

### Week Seven: Battle of the (g)ods

The time has come and the bell is rung. God is ready to show his power, expose the Egyptians, and free his people. Through the plagues, God defeated the false religious culture of the Egyptians and showed everyone that he was the one true God.

Each of us have face the temptation to follow our own idols. Our culture is full of false gods and the opportunity to fall into idolatry – putting something else above our relationship with God. As we closed the service this week, we challenged you to call an 'idol' to mind and lay it down that you may further open yourself up to following Jesus.

### Pray and Discuss:

1. As you begin, pray that God would grant you clarity to see the idols that may be hiding in your life.
2. What do the plagues say to you about God? What do you learn about him by reading the story of the plagues?
3. In his message, Kaleb talked to us about the power that idols can have over us – often without us realizing. They take our eyes away from Christ, and shape us through practices that become second nature to us. To combat this, we need to develop regular practices in life that form us around Christ. What practices in your life do you think are forming you in deep ways? Do those practices form you into Christ's image, or perhaps into the image of an idol?
4. What practices can you begin to develop to form your life and your devotion around Christ?
5. In a world full of idols, we must fix our eyes on Christ. In Hebrews 12, the author writes: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus** the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

As you close, read those verses a few times and spend some praying over the practice of “fixing your eyes” on Christ.