



- GIRLS! Make sure you get registered for Designed for Life 2020! <https://designedforlife.org/>
- Life Groups can meet in person, and we would ask that you limit your gatherings to 25 (adults and children).
- Social Distancing and Care: Please continue to practice social distancing when meeting in person. We are not requiring that masks be worn but recommend a mask for those who prefer to wear one. And we encourage all those who are 65 years or older to continue to meet virtually. As a leader, based on these guidelines, you can decide what is best for the people in your group.

This Week's Icebreaker Question:

If you were to write a book, what would it be about?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Does God harden our hearts or do we harden our own hearts? Pastor John said it's both. We reject God's working and our hearts become hard, and God hardens our hearts because we have rejected him. Has there been a time in your life where your heart was hard? How did you come back to a place of repentance and receptivity?
2. Hard hearts are prideful and blind. In Exodus 10:16-17 after the eighth plague, Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me." Although Pharaoh finally admitted his sin, he didn't turn towards God and as soon as the plague was over he hardened his heart again. How is true repentance different than just an admission of sin?
3. One of the more predominant themes in the Bible is that God judges disobedience and rebellion. He doesn't want to judge people. He would rather that people repent so that He might bless them. But if they will not turn from sin, eventually He will judge them. But even in judgement, he exhibits grace, warns people, and he may even initiate a lesser punishment to wake people up because he is a loving God. How do the ten plagues speak of God's goodness and grace even in his judgement?