June 15, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group "The Second Set of Three Plagues Shows God's Sovereign, Special Love for His People" -- Exodus 8:20-9:12

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-12) to Answer from the Text:

- 1. What was the fourth plague that God inflicted upon the Egyptians (8:21)?
- 2. What did God say to Pharaoh that highlighted the unique aspect of this plague (8:22-23)?
- 3. What was Pharaoh's proposal to Moses to get rid of this plague (8:25)?
- 4. What was Moses' explanation as to why he could not accept Pharaoh's proposal (8:26)?
- 5. What was the fifth plague that came upon Egypt (9:3)?
- 6. What did God say would happen to the animals that belonged to the Israelites? Why? (9:4)?
- 7. What did Pharaoh do after this plague did damage to Egypt (9:7)?
- 8. What was the sixth plague that God sent upon the Egyptians (9:9)?
- 9. What did God tell Moses he must do to begin this plague (9:8)?
- 10. What did this plague do to Pharaoh's magicians (9:11)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 11. What would you say is the defining aspect (or aspects) of these three plagues?
- 12. What are the natural elements of these plagues?
- 13. What are the supernatural elements of these plagues?
- 14. What is the relationship between the natural and the supernatural in these plagues?
- 15. How does God work in His "ordinary" providence? [See WCF 5.3]
- 16. Does God use natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, etc.) today to communicate His judgment? Why or why not?
- 17. Does God love everyone in the world? Is God good to everyone and everything in the world? Why or why not?
- 18. What does the term ordo amoris mean? Is this Biblical?
- 19. What is special about the Church?
- 20. Should ministers of the Gospel invite everyone present regardless of his or her relationship to Christ Jesus to partake of the Lord's Supper? If so, why? If not, why not?