

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

2/3/19

**Text: Exodus 12:1-14**

**Title: The Lord's Passover**

**Teacher: David Springer**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

***In his sermon, David taught us about the 10th and final plague to visit the Egyptians, the death of the firstborn. Israel was to prepare and sacrifice a lamb, put it's blood on their doorposts and eat it as God's spirit would "Pass over" their homes and spare them. As David said, the Passover of Israel is a definitive point for God's people and is a picture of the greater passover the Lord has provided. In our brokenness, we fail to see the heights of God's glory (judging him for being mean), and the depths of our own sin and ruin (denying that our sin deserves death). But from Adam and Eve (Gen. 3), to Abraham and Isaac (Gen. 22), to the Exodus, God has been revealing both his judgment and wrath against sin, but also his mercy and love in providing for his people a substitute. In the words of John the Baptist, in Christ, God has provided "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." That is the message of rescue and love that Israel gets to tell their children's children, and the story we get to tell the world.***

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. David said that deep down, we all desire justice, especially when someone has been taken advantage of. (i.e. kidnapping, #metoo movement...etc.)*
  - What things around you do you find yourself longing to be "made right"? Why?***
  - What things do you hope no one will find out for risk of you being judged?***
- 2. God instructed the people to paint the blood of the lamb over their doorposts, to "cover" their household. In our pride and unbelief, we paint our doorposts with all kinds of things besides the blood of Christ.*
  - When you're getting to know someone, what are the things you value most for them to know about you?***
  - Even if Jesus' blood is on your doorposts, what things do you tend to put on there with him?***
- 3. David said the reason we have stories like the Passover was to give us a picture of God's rescue of His people so that We could tell the story to the world.*
  - What is your story? How did you come to know Jesus, and how are you still growing to know him?***
  - Who has God put in your life for you to share the story with?***

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

**1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

**2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

**3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

**4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

**5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

### **Prayer Items**

- 1. Worship the LORD as holy and righteous. Celebrate that He is a God of justice and mercy.*
- 2. In what ways have you turned a blind eye to your own sin? Have you thought about the current and eternal consequences of your sin?*
- 3. Give thanks to God for His incredible mercy. His provision of Christ as the slain Lamb who is without blemish and has made atonement for our sin.*
- 4. Have you been liberated and redeemed by God through the blood of Christ? Are you trusting in His blood to cover your sin?*
- 5. Is your life marked by a new birth? Ask that God would give you a burden and joy to share His story of redemption with a neighbor, friend or family member.*