

The Lamb of God

Open with Prayer Requests

Read Genesis 3:21

- God clothes Adam and Eve with garments made from animal skin. What is significant about this moment?
- Why is it important that innocent blood was shed as a result of sin?
- What does this teach us about both the seriousness of sin and the character of God?

Read Genesis 22:7–14

- Isaac asks, "Where is the lamb?" How does Abraham respond, and why is that response important?
- Why does God stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac? What does this reveal about God's heart?
- God provides a ram instead. How might this moment point forward to something greater?

Read Exodus 12:1–13

- What instructions were the Israelites given regarding the Passover lamb? Why did it have to be without blemish?
- How does the Passover event help us understand the concept of being "saved by the blood"?

Read John 1:29

- John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." What would this have meant to a Jewish audience?
- How does this title connect to the sacrificial system and Passover?
- Why is it significant that Jesus is identified this way at the very beginning of His ministry?

Read Luke 22:19–20

- Jesus changes the meaning of the Passover meal. What stands out to you about His words?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "This is my body" and "This is my blood of the new covenant"?
- Why is it significant that Jesus connects His sacrifice to a "new covenant"?
- A pattern of sacrifice and atonement can be traced throughout Scripture. How does seeing this "big picture" affect your understanding of Jesus' death?
- Why do you think God revealed His plan progressively over time instead of all at once?
- In what ways can religious practices (like sacrifices in the Old Testament or Communion in our day) become routine or lose their meaning? How can we guard against that?
- God was not obligated to send Jesus but chose to out of love. How should that truth shape the way we view God?
- Why do people sometimes struggle to accept God's love and forgiveness?
- What does it mean personally for you that Jesus took your place as the sacrificial Lamb?

Closing Prayer