

### 3. Salvation by Blood - Exodus 11-12

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Icebreaker Question: What's one family tradition or ritual that helps you remember something important? Why is it meaningful to you?

#### Highlights:

The Passover was a divine preview of the Cross—every detail pointed forward to Jesus  
Salvation requires a perfect sacrifice—we cannot save ourselves; we need a Savior

The blood makes the difference—God makes a distinction between His people and the world

Communion is serious and sacred—it's not just a ritual, it's a profound act of remembrance

Salvation is completely life-changing—like the Israelites with sandals on, ready to go, our life is changed immediately

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Exodus 12:3-13 and Ephesians 2:1-9. Israel was delivered from physical slavery through divine intervention. How does this mirror humanity's bondage to sin, and what does it reveal about the nature of God's initiative in salvation, rather than human effort?
2. Read Leviticus 17:11, Romans 5:8-10, Hebrews 9:11-15 and 1 Peter 1:18-19. The Passover lamb in the Book of Exodus plays a central role in Israel's deliverance. How does this foreshadow the sacrificial role of Jesus Christ, and what deeper meaning emerges when comparing the blood that spared Israel with the blood that redeems the world?
3. Read Exodus 11:7. How does God still make a distinction between His people and the world today—and how should this distinction be apparent?
  - a) How should this affect how we live?
4. Read Exodus 4:21, 9:16 and Romans 9:17. Why do you think God 'hardened Pharaoh's heart'? What does this teach us about God's purposes and His power?

5. Read Exodus 12:11. The Israelites were told to eat the Passover meal ‘with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand.’ What does this posture of readiness teach us about how we should live after experiencing salvation?

6. Read Exodus 12:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Jesus' sacrifice was complete—no spiritual ‘leftovers’ were needed—yet we can sometimes live like we’re trying to add our good works to Jesus' finished work on the Cross. What are some things you might even subconsciously be doing to add to Jesus' sacrifice, instead of fully trusting in the sufficiency of the Cross?

7. Read Exodus 4:22-23, 11:4-5 and Romans 8:17, 29. In Christ we have all the rights of the ‘firstborn’ now—with inheritance rights, family privileges, and responsibilities, yet many Christians live like spiritual orphans or distant relatives rather than firstborn heirs. How might an awareness of your true ‘firstborn’ status as a child of God change how you live?

8. Read Exodus 12:29. God moved at midnight—the darkest hour. God often moves in our ‘midnight moments’—when circumstances are darkest and hope seems gone. Where are you in a midnight moment right now?

a) Instead of demanding or waiting for ‘daylight’, what difference could it make if you trusted God works best in darkness?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Paul emphasizes that he ‘received from the Lord’ what he delivered—how does this shape our understanding of the authority and sacredness of Communion, and what does it suggest about the continuity between Jesus’ original act and the church’s ongoing practice?

a) When Jesus says, ‘Do this in remembrance of me,’ what kind of remembrance is implied—mere mental recall, or something more active and transformative—and how should that influence the way believers approach Communion today?

b) Verse 26 connects the act of Communion with proclaiming the Lord’s death ‘until he comes’—how does participating in Communion function both as a reflection on the

past and a declaration of future hope, and what tension does that create for how Christians live in the present?

10. Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-30. Why is Paul so serious about taking communion in an 'unworthy manner'?

a) What does it mean to 'examine ourselves' before communion?

For Further Study:

Read Exodus 11-12 in full

Read John 19:28-37 and note the Passover connections

Study Hebrews 9:11-28 to understand more about Jesus as our perfect sacrifice

Prayer:

Anyone in your group who may be exploring faith for the first time

Hearts that are hardened toward God (like Pharaoh) - pray for softening

A deeper appreciation for communion and what Jesus has done

Opportunities to share the Gospel this week