



Growth Group discussion questions for Exodus 12

Week of May 6-May 9, 2018

1. NCC Q35: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?
A: All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.
Memorize, meditate on and be ready to recite **Titus 3:5**.
2. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on May 6th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?
3. Read Exodus 12 carefully at least twice.
4. The reading begins with God reforming the Hebrew calendar (see Exodus 12:2). What does God decree through Moses? How does this emphasize the significance of the Passover to the people? Why does God want this month and this event to be remembered by his people? (See Exodus 12:14, 34:18; Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 28:16; Deuteronomy 16:1)
5. God gives specific instructions about the lamb in verses 3-6 and what was to be done with it in verses 7-11. What details about the lamb do you notice in these verses? What do these instructions tell you? Why could not just any lamb be used for the purpose of redemption? (Deuteronomy 17:1; Malachi 1:7-8, 14; Hebrews 9:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19) Is there any significance to the lamb's two-fold purpose being used to mark the home and to also be eaten by the household? (Matthew 26:26; John 6:52-57)
6. That night in Egypt no home was spared death: either death of a firstborn or the death of a lamb. What was God bringing his judgment against? What needed to be believed, what needed to be done, what needed to be trusted to be saved from the judgment? Explain how everyone who is saved is saved through judgment?

7. In Corinthians 5:7 Paul explicitly calls Jesus “our Passover lamb”. How does the Passover lamb relate to Jesus? Note each the relationship between Jesus and the Passover lamb in each of these verses.
- a) John 1:29
 - b) John 19:14
 - c) Acts 8:32-35
 - d) 1 Peter 1:19
 - e) Revelation 5:6-9, 12
8. Read Matthew 26:17–29. Jesus keeps the Passover, but he uses the event to inaugurate a new observance, which we call the Lord’s Supper. What are the similarities between Passover and Lord’s Supper? What are the differences? What does this passage tell us about the continuity between the Old and New Testaments?
9. When God delivers his people through judgment (see verses 33-40), he fulfills His promises. What promises did God fulfill? (Exodus 3:21-22; Genesis 15:13; Compare verse 38 with Genesis 12:1-3). What promises do we look to be fulfilled when God moves to deliver us from judgment? (See Isaiah 45:17; Psalm 106:10; 1 Thes 5:9; Rom 8:1; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 2:7; 2 Tim 2:12; Phil 3:21)

PRAY IN THE GROUP

- The nursing home ministry faithfully serves again next week at Manor Care. Pray for fruit and endurance in that ministry. Pray for an expanded pool of individuals and families who will go serve those who are limited in their ability to attend an outside worship service. Pray that the residents will be refreshed in the gospel and those who have resisted the gospel will become open to the truth and receive the gift of faith.