



When the Exodus begins, the changes are forever remembered. These people will always bear the mark of God's mighty acts for them. Consider how events both good and bad mark us, give us passion and resolve, but the celebration isn't the key, it's the honoring of God that's key. How do we honor God in the way we live? How can we remember/commemorate the ways God has provided and cared for us? Is this practice central to our lives?

Opening Question:

Where do you fall in the birth order of your family? Did birth order make a difference in your families' expectations?

Read: Exodus 12:1-42

What insights or questions do you have from this weekend's message or worship service?

What do you find interesting about this "Passover" observance?

Understanding the Story:

What was the primary principle behind the requirement that only animals without defect be chosen (12:5)? Why might this be significant?

According to Exodus 12:11, the Lord required that His people eat the sacrificial lamb in travelers' dress: their coats on and walking staff in hand. What do you think is the significance of this? How might it speak to how we approach our own journey with the Lord?

Why was this rescue to become such a defining moment for Israel?

What influence was the Passover event intended to have on Pharaoh? Hebrews?

Living the Story:

Every Israelite first born would be able to say 'I am alive because a lamb died'. And all the people of Israel could say 'we are set free now because a lamb died'. Discuss the parallel with our own situation. What specific ways have you experienced new life as a result of the sacrifice of the Lamb?

How do you remember or commemorate God's faithfulness and provision in your own life? Have you experienced or developed any traditions to remember God's care along your journey?

Pray:

Use the ACTS Model (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (Send Help!)) to close your time. Bring to mind the ways God has provided for you and your loved ones and surrender the concerns you have as you look into the unknown future.