

Small Group Material

God Frees: Exodus 12. 1-30

Welcome What have been one of your family's most meaningful traditions?

Word

Despite nine spectacular plagues, Pharaoh had repeatedly refused to let the Israelites hold a worship festival in the desert. Finally, Moses warned Pharaoh that he would actually beg the Hebrews to leave after the first-born of Egypt were killed (cf 11.4-8).

Read Exodus 12.1-30

To help us get into the story of the Passover, here are some quick-fire questions:

What do you think the Israelites thought about these instructions?

What is the connection between blood and death in this passage?

What would an Israelite's obedience or disobedience regarding God's instruction about the lamb, the blood and the unleavened bread indicate about their faith in God?

If you were an Israelite, how would you have felt after that fateful night? How do you think the Egyptians felt? v.27,30.

What was the reason for sprinkling the blood on the door frames? v22.

What was the principle behind the requirement that only animals without defect be chosen? v5

Why did small households, v4, need to share the household with others?

Application

How does this story shed light on the purpose and benefits of Christ's death and shed blood? How does the Passover remind us of the Lord's Supper?

Are there ways that you could enhance the spiritual dimension of your traditions - or create new ones?

Worship

Sing together Jesus Christ, I think about your sacrifice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebFji3n0cCA>

Read together Ephesians 1.3-14, each person picking out one benefit of the cross. Turn this into thanksgiving and praise.

You might like to share bread and a cup of wine together as you remember Jesus' giving his life for our salvation.

Witness

Pray for some of the people who are not free.

Here are some suggestions:

1) Prisoners in this country (cf Alpha in Prisons or The Prison Christian Fellowship)

2) IJM, The International Justice Mission, focussing on people who are enslaved in other countries

3) Human trafficking (eg Stop the Traffik
<https://www.stophetraffik.org>)