

Small Group Material

A Consecrated People: Exodus 13.1-14

Welcome At the age of about 13, what set you apart from other children at school? What groups that you belonged to helped define who you were?

Word Read Exodus 13.1-14 Why is God particularly concerned that the 'first-born' be consecrated to him? v2,12,13. cf.4.22-23, 12.12-13. How does one 'give over' a child to the Lord? 13.1
What does this say about the position God wanted to occupy in the lives of the Israelites?
By what sign does God want this remembered? Why is it so important? cf v8,14-15.
When were you dedicated by your parents, baptised or confirmed?
If a child were to ask you the meaning of baptism or communion (choose one) how would you answer?
By what symbolic meals or other sign do you let God and your family know that he is really '*Number One*' to you?
Why does God tell them to eat bread without yeast for 7 days? v6-8
Do you sense God calling you to consecrate yourself more fully to Him? Is there something which prevents you doing this? What can you do about it?

Worship Let us rededicate ourselves as a Small Group to the Lord and his service this term. You could do this by marking each other with the sign of the cross on their hand or forehead - or some other way.
Sing together 'Take my life and let it be'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ93HVuYd5Y>

Witness

Pray for the two new Christianity Explored Groups. Pray for the leaders: Roger, Judith and John Marshall, John and Sue Coyne, Toby and Emma Artis.

Pray for Christian families struggling to bring up their children in a secular environment