

Exodus 12:1-30 The Passover

Verse to learn: Exodus 12:27 *Then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes'.*

INTRODUCTION

In spite of nine devastating plagues, Pharaoh had repeatedly refused to let the Israelite slaves leave to hold a worship festival in the desert. Finally, Moses warned Pharaoh that all the firstborn sons in Egypt, except for the Israelites, would die - yet he still would not let the Israelites go.

LAUNCH

- 1) What rules or customs does your family have at mealtimes?
- 2) Where do you fall in the birth order of your family?  
Did birth order make a difference in your families' expectations?
- 3) What do you suppose the Israelites thought about the instructions they received from Moses?  
(weird, great, necessary?, let's hope it works)

DISCOVERY

- 4) What do you find interesting about this "Passover" observance?  
(when, where, how it is observed, or with whom)
- 5) Read the 'verse to learn' again. Is it important to pass on to our families what God has done for us? Why?

UNDERSTANDING

The Passover was a wonderful celebration of how God freed his people and prepared for the Exodus after which this book is named. Interestingly, we also read about this celebration in the New Testament. Jesus celebrates the feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover with the Disciples at the 'Last Supper.' Read Luke 22:7-8 .

- 6) What was the primary principle behind the requirement that only animals without defect be chosen?
- 7) What would an Israelite's obedience or disobedience regarding God's instructions about the lamb, blood and bread indicate about their faith in God?

Can you remember the last time that your obedience to God was tested? What was the result?

- 8) What effect was the Passover event intended to have on Pharaoh?

9) *"and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt."*

These symbols of worship were the object of God's righteous judgment. It could refer to the defeat of the spiritual powers that stand behind these symbols. What gods of this culture are you in danger of worshipping? How would you describe the danger and how might you repent from it?

APPLICATION

- 10) In what way do the instructions take care of people outside of family groupings? What are you and your group doing to take care of those who might be vulnerable and unsupported?
- 11) Please take time to pray for our Funday on Sunday. That we will look after guests well. That Doug will be full of the Holy Spirit as he presents the gospel along with his team. That the day will be relatively dry and even sunny.  
And anything else important that it would be good to pray about. DWP

*Many questions taken and adapted from West Mckinley AOG church's excellent study questions on the Passover. One of the best set of questions that I have found.*