

EXODUS

Week 8: Passover Part I

Memory Verse:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father, we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Everyone think of one person that you are in contact with who does not know Jesus. Let's take a moment to pray for each of them by name, asking the Lord to open opportunities for us to connect with them.

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus, we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Exodus 11:1-10

What does the severity of this final plague reveal about God's judgment? Do you struggle with the severity of this judgment?

What does it reveal about God's relationship with his people?

Read Exodus 12:21-28

What does this Passover ritual teach the Israelites about their redemption? About their Redeemer (God)?

Read Exodus 12:29-42

How do the Egyptians respond to the final plague? What does this reveal about their view of God and his people?

How does this whole story (Exodus 11-12) call us to faith, worship, and repentance?