



## **EXODUS CHAPTER 12 (FACILITATOR)**

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### **Exodus 12:1-11**

- Notice that God changed the calendar for the Israelites. Why do you think was significant?
  - The Israelites were about to enter into a new life and a new life of freedom and this seemingly small change in their calendar was intended to be a reflection of that freedom.
  - What things, people, places, etc. in your life are reflections of the freedom that you now have in Jesus Christ?
    - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What was the significance of the blood on the sides and tops of the door frames and why did God want them to be leave Egypt in such a hurry?



- The blood indicated that the home was the home of an Israelite so that their firstborn would not be killed like the Egyptians but more importantly, the blood was a foreshadowing of what God would do not only on the Passover night but also what God was going to do in the death of Jesus.

### **Exodus 12:12-20**

- The Israelites putting blood on their homes indicated the faith and trust that they had in God, but this blood was also a foreshadowing of what Jesus would do for all of humanity in shedding His blood on the cross. With this in mind, what do you think it means to trust in the blood of Jesus to save us from our sins rather than our own goodness, accomplishments, resources, etc?

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- In Hebrews 12:24, it says that the blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel in Genesis and the blood of Abel cried out to God from the ground. Why is it important to understand that the blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel?

- We can easily become so consumed with trying to get things right in the name of Jesus and we can become consumed with trying to manage our sin that we forget that we have power over our sin not because of us but because of Jesus' blood. It's not more will power that empowers us to live in ways that please God. It is relying upon the blood of Jesus Christ to constantly intercede for me when we do fall short.

- In what ways do you daily practice the spiritual discipline of celebration for what God has done and is doing for you?

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- **Exodus 12:21-30**



- Notice in verses 24-28 that God expected His people to share the stories of what He had done for them. In what ways do you intentionally share the stories of what Jesus has done and is doing for you with the following people?
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- **Exodus 12:31-50**
  - What is significant about the number of people, animals, and things that exited Egypt as are referenced in verses 37-38?
    - 600,000 men not including women, children, and animals is a HUGE number in general not to mention a huge number to bring out of a hostile land of slavery and in a hurry. These facts alone demonstrate that God's power is not lacking in any way and that His redemption and work are FLAWLESS!
  - In what ways do you sometimes doubt God's flawless work?
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  - What do verses 40-41 indicate about the Lord's timing versus our own timing?
    - 430 years is a long time by any standard but especially if you are a people living in slavery, 430 is excruciating. We won't always understand God's timing. We won't always like it, but His timing isn't ours and ours isn't His. The challenge is to remember and live that



God still sees us and knows us and He is constantly on the move for us!

### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
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- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
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