



Passover - Salvation to Sanctification

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Exodus 11-13

GETTING STARTED

Exodus 11–13 marks one of the most important turning points in the Bible—the moment God rescues His people from slavery in Egypt through the **Passover**. After nine devastating plagues, Pharaoh still refuses to let Israel go. The final plague—the death of the firstborn—is both judgment on Egypt and the moment of deliverance for God’s people.

God instructs every Israelite household to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood on the doorposts. He says: “*When I see the blood, I will pass over you*” (Exodus 12:13). This was not simply about avoiding judgment; it was about God’s protection and rescue. Before Israel ever walked out of Egypt, they were first covered by grace.

This reveals an important truth: **God rescues before the journey even begins.** Freedom is not earned—it is received. Salvation comes first, and then the lifelong journey of sanctification begins.

Reflection Questions

- Why do you think God rescued Israel before asking them to begin the journey?
- What does the Passover teach us about grace and salvation?

INTO THE WORD

The Passover points directly to Jesus. Just as the blood of the lamb protected Israel from judgment, Jesus becomes our **Passover Lamb**, whose blood brings forgiveness and salvation. Paul later writes, “*Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed*” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

God’s rescue of Israel was not only about leaving Egypt—it was about becoming a people who worshipped Him. Pharaoh represented false power and slavery, but God was re-establishing Himself as the true author of life and freedom.

In Exodus 13, God commands Israel to remember this rescue through consecration and celebration. Their deliverance was not meant to be forgotten. God wanted future generations to know: “*It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt*” (Exodus 13:8).

The story also mirrors the Christian life. Salvation is a finished work accomplished by God, but sanctification is the ongoing process of learning to walk in freedom. God saves us first, then teaches us how to live differently.

Reflection Questions

- Why is the blood of the lamb such a central part of the Passover story?
- How does the Passover help us understand the gospel and Jesus’ sacrifice?
- What is the difference between salvation and sanctification?

INTO THE WORD

The Israelites were not rescued because they were strong or deserving—they were rescued because God is faithful to His promises. In the same way, Jesus rescues us by grace and leads us into a new way of living through the Holy Spirit.

Sanctification is the journey of learning to leave Egypt behind. Though Israel left slavery in one night, it took time for slavery to leave their hearts. God patiently leads His people toward freedom, teaching them trust, worship, and dependence on Him.

Key truth: God does not just rescue us from slavery—He leads us into freedom, worship, and transformation.

Reflection Questions

- How have you experienced God's grace before fully understanding the journey ahead?
- How can remembering God's faithfulness strengthen your faith today?

Prayer

Father, Thank You for being a God who rescues, protects, and redeems. Thank You that freedom is not something we earn but something You lovingly give through grace. Just as the blood of the lamb protected Israel, thank You for Jesus, our Passover Lamb, whose sacrifice brings salvation and life. Lead us out of the things that enslave us and teach us to walk in freedom through Your Spirit. Help us remember Your faithfulness and become people marked by worship, gratitude, and trust. Amen.