



# EXODUS: FOCUSING ON GOD IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTIONS

**Exodus 11:1-10 & 12:29-32**

**Week of April 2, 2023**

**Start at 9:45-9:55**

**Belong:** *Use 5-10 minutes as an opportunity to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and belong to the group.*

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- Or, if you could time travel, would you **go back in time** to meet your ancestors, or **forward in time** to meet your descendants?

**How has God revealed Himself to you this week?**

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**9:55-10:05**

**Believe:** *Use 5-10 minutes to read this week's assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that speaks to you. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).*

Have several group members read **Exodus 11:1-10 & 12:29-32** aloud.

In **Exodus 11:1-10**, we see the announcement of the 10th and final plague. This plague doesn't strike until **Exodus 12:29-32**. Through the 10th plague, Moses delivers God's message to Pharaoh. He tells that at midnight, the LORD will go throughout Egypt and kill every firstborn, from Pharaoh's firstborn to the firstborn of the lowest slave to the firstborn of the livestock. **Yet** the Israelites will remain unharmed, in order to show that God makes a distinction between Egypt & Israel. As we read this section, we should ask, "Who is our God?" **Do we know Jesus as our Savior, or do we fear Him as our judge?** There is a distinction.

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**10:05-10:20**

**Build:** *Use about 15 minutes to engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning. Know the Context - Ask why it was written, who was it written to, and what is the author trying to say to the original audience. How does it fit with the verses before and after it?*

Throughout Scripture, we see that God makes distinctions. (**Exodus 11; Matthew 13:36-43; 25:31-46; 22:1-14; Luke 12:51-53**)

- Is it popular for our culture to hear that God does not treat everyone the same?
- Is it popular to hear that God makes distinctions?

What can we learn from the 10th plague about God's character?

Do you think the Egyptians had any chance to avoid the 10th plague? Why or why not?

- Does **Exodus 9:14-17** help you make a determination?

Why do you think God required the sacrifice of the firstborn on the part of the Egyptians, and the sacrifice of an animal on the part of the Israelites, too?

## 10:20-10:35/40

**Become:** *Use about 15 minutes to apply what you have read. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?*

In the sermon, we learn that God made a distinction between the Egyptians and the Israelites. In **Matthew 5:13-16**, Jesus also called His disciples to be distinct from the world - to be the salt or the earth and light of the world.

- In your opinion, does the church stand out from the world...are we distinct?
- Does FBC stand out from the world...are we distinct?

Wrestle with this quote by Charles Spurgeon:

- ***"The world is tired of the church making such extraordinary claims while living such ordinary lives!!"***

In **Exodus 12**, we learn that God passed over the people of Israel because of the blood of spotless lambs. Because of Jesus work on the cross we learn that God's judgment passes over disciples of Christ on account of Jesus' blood.

- Why was Israel granted grace?
  - Was it because they were awesome?
- Why are disciples of Christ granted grace?
  - Is it because we are awesome?

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## 10:35/ 10:40 - Class ends at 10:45

**Begin:** *Use the last 5-10 minutes for prayer. It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)*

**Do you see any of God's attributes in this week's passage that struck out to you?  
How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?**

**At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:**

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be encouraged and hopeful in how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

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## Additional Resources:

**Blue Letter Bible: Exodus 11 & 12:** Check out the QR codes to learn more.



**Precept Austin: Exodus 11& 12:** Check out the QR codes to learn more.

