



EXODUS: FOCUSING ON GOD IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTIONS

Exodus 12

Week of April 9, 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, What is the worst outfit your parents ever made you wear on Easter?
- Or, Share something you/your family does to celebrate Easter?

How has God revealed Himself to you this week?

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 12:1–13 & 21–28** aloud.

In **Exodus 12**, we see institution of the Passover to prepare for the 10th and final plague. The Passover involved the death of a spotless lamb and marking the Israelites door post with the blood of the lamb. The night of the 10th plague, the angel of death passed through Egypt, and killed the firstborn child of every Egyptian household that did not bear the mark of the lamb. Not even the child of Pharaoh was spared. **The questions we should be asking ourselves is do we see hints of Jesus – in the Passover? – Or, when John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God? – OR, when Jesus eats His last meal with His disciples at Passover?**

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?*

After reading **Exodus 12:3–11**, what do you think the Israelites thought about the instructions they received from Moses?

The story of the Passover is filled with similarities that find their fulfillment in Jesus.

- Read **Exodus 12:43–51** and discuss as many similarities as possible to Jesus.
- Read **1 Peter 1:19** and ask, why does Jesus spotless character make Him able to pay for our sin?
- What or who would you be willing to give your life for?

Look at **Exodus 12:26–27**

- Do you have any habits or memorials in your home that cause your children to ask, "**Why do we do this?**"

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?*

Look at **Exodus 12:29–32**

- Why did this plague lead to the successful release of the Israelites?
 - Does **Exodus 4:23** help you with this answer?
 - Do you think **Exodus 1:22** has anything to do with it?
- How do we react when they hear that the first born died at God's hands?
- How does the world react when they hear that the first born died at God's hands?

Exodus 12:7–13 shows us that God provided Israel with a state of readiness, because at any moment, their escape from Egypt would happen. In **Matthew 24:36–44**, Jesus also tells His people to be read at ALL times...to be anticipating His return.

- Do you think that we are prepared for Jesus' return? Why or Why not?
- Do you think FBC is fulfilling its role to prepare others for His return? Why or Why not?

In **Luke 22:7–23** we find the institution of the Lord's Supper during the time of Passover.

- God commands Israel to keep the Passover as “a memorial” “throughout your generations” for the purpose of teaching children about God’s salvation. The Lord's Supper is also a way we remember God's salvation through the cross of Jesus Christ.
- Do we treat the Lord's Supper as a memorial? If so, should we partake more often?

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.

Additional Resources:

Blue Letter Bible: Exodus 12: Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: Exodus 12: Check out the QR code to learn more.

