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## Group Guide

# Passover

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**Main Passage: Exodus 12:1-39**

## Theological Theme

God rescued His people from bondage through the miracle of the Passover. Passover pointed to the coming deliverance of God's people through the Lamb of God, Jesus.

## Introduction

- ❓ What is one of the biggest sacrifices you've made for someone or that someone has made for you? How did this impact you?
- ❓ Why do you think sacrifice is uncomfortable for many of us? Where are you likely to avoid sacrifice if possible?

## 1. Instructions for the Passover (Exodus 12:1-11)

After four hundred years of slavery, God was preparing the children of Israel for the deliverance that was coming their way. It was to be a new start for them and even their calendar would change to reflect it. Everything was about to change, and these events would be a reminder for the future of God's faithfulness to His people.

One paragraph overview of this section.

- ❓ Why is it important to obey the Lord even when you don't know or understand all the details and significance of what He is doing?
- ❓ How do the events of the Passover point to the sacrifice Jesus would make for the sins of the world?
- ❓ Application: What in your life acts a daily reminder of your need for a Savior?

## 2. The Point of the Passover (Exodus 12:12-20)

God made it clear that the exact placement of the blood on the doorposts was essential for the Israelites to be spared the judgment on the firstborn that was coming. The blood of the lamb was crucial to the plans of the Lord for rescuing His people.

- ❓ How do we see God's grace revealed in this portion of His instructions to the Israelites?
- ❓ What are some ways you have seen God's power and might exercised on your behalf? How does this encourage you?
- ❓ Application: Where is God calling you to avoid even a little bit of "leaven" in your life right now? How can you do that?

### 3. The Result of the Passover (Exodus 12:27-39)

The people's first response to God's instruction was worship. They honored the Lord and were grateful for all He said He would do. This is one of the most important parts of the Passover story because it reminds us of the truth that to receive the good things God had for them, the people had to choose obedience. Their deliverance hinged on their response to the truth God revealed to them.

- ❓ How does God call all His people to respond in obedience in order to receive His promised blessings?
- ❓ How does it encourage you to remember God is greater than any other force in the universe?
- ❓ Application: How does the Passover point you to the truth about Jesus?

### Conclusion

- ❓ Where is God calling you to respond in obedience today? How will you act?
- ❓ The Passover was to serve as a reminder. How can we as a group regularly remind one another of the work of God in our midst?
- ❓ How can you share the gospel with another using the story of the Passover?