

A Feast to Remember Exodus 12

1. What are the historical moments that our culture remembers in a yearly rhythm? What is the purpose of it? How does it change how we live?

Read Exodus 12

2. God has promised that he will bring them out of Egypt with great acts of judgement. For many chapters Exodus records for us the proceeding 9 plagues. The judgement in Exodus is explicitly expressed against the "god's of Egypt" – telling us that at the heart of the problems of Egypt is idolatry, false worship. What are the idols that sit at the center of the injustices of our world? What are the idols that sit at the center of our personal struggles in life?
3. Why do you think the Israelites had to do something to protect themselves from God's judgement? Why didn't the Lord automatically exempt them from judgement? What would this tell them about themselves? About God?
4. Chapter 12 describes the final plague, their departure from Egypt and the feast that commemorates it. Which gets more space, and why do you think that is?

5. What impact on their lives as a nation, as a people would such a yearly remembrance bring about?

6. (Read Matthew 26:17-19; 26-29) Jesus chooses a Passover meal to reveal the purpose and meaning of his death. In 1 Corinthians 5:7 Paul identifies Jesus as our Passover lamb. What is Jesus telling his followers by this identification with the Passover meal? And his being the Passover lamb?

7. What truth of who God is and what he has done for us in Jesus most stands out for you in this exploration of Exodus 12?

8. (optional – only if the question arises) This passage is terrifying – it is a story of God bringing death in judgment for sin. Is this punishment just, is it fair? Why or why not?