## **EXODUS 11-13**



By faith Moses kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch the Israelites.

**Hebrews 11:28** 

#### THE CONTEXT

1. With the first plagues, what have we seen in terms of Pharoahs's character and purposes, and also God's character and purposes? (you could go back to Exodus 9:13-17 to jog your memory).

#### THE STORY

**Take it in turns and read all of Exodus 11-13:16 as a group.** Before you read, take note of the Exodus themes - see last page.

2. As a group, test yourself and see if you can by memory list all the elements that the Israelites were called to do on the night of the Passover? Try to be as detailed as you can.

3. It can't be that blood was daubed on the houses of Israel because God needed a mark to tell who was on the inside! What do you think this means?

4. Following the night of the Passover, how would you characterise Israel's departure out of Egypt?

Even as far back as the LORD's appearance to Abram, this time was spoken about (Genesis 15:13-14). Pharaoh has been the promised 'detour' (a 430 year detour into slavery followed by an incredible deliverance) along the way to God fulfilling His covenant promise to bring great blessing to the nation of Israel and ultimately to all the world.

5. This section of Exodus is not only the gripping story of the Passover, it's also interspersed with rules for commemorations in the future. What does this tell us about this moment in Israel's history?

6. Why do you think it's important for foreigners to become Jews in order to share in the celebration of the Exodus (12v43-49)?

7. As you were reading, did you pick up references to children and sons (12v26 & 13v14). What does this say about the purpose of these commemoration moments?

### GOD, JESUS CHRIST & US

8. What do we learn about God from these verses?

9. How do these verses relate to Jesus and the gospel?
You might like to check out any of these verses & discuss:  *Luke 22:1-19; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:13-19; Revelation 5
10. What can we take away as examples, positive and negative, for God's people today? In answering this, you can speak generally, but try to make it personal too.
11. Talk about how each of us should respond to this passage, whether it be worship and praise, repentance, thankfulness, petition,

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY DEFENCE; HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION.

# HE IS MY GOD,

AND I WILL PRAISE HIM,
MY FATHER'S GOD,
AND I WILL EXALT HIM.
- Exodus 15:2 -

