

### SERMON QUESTIONS

#### OPENER:

Israel, before the Passover, had been enslaved their whole lives. They had no dignity; no freedom; no ability to travel; they were treated like property; and were treated brutally. Describe your life in one word BEFORE you came to trust in Jesus.

#### WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT MY SINFUL NATURE?

1. Peter 2:19 says, “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” Passover is the story of Israel leaving behind a lifetime of slavery in Egypt. What has Jesus freed you from? Is there anything else you might still be enslaved to today?
2. How does breaking God’s commands cause damage both to ourselves and others? To God? How do we restore what is broken?

#### WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT GOD?

1. Discuss the various characteristics of God found in these passages. How do these characteristics help us to answer the question of why God can’t just forgive our sins (Hebrews 9:27), and why a sacrifice was necessary?
2. Why was the Passover commanded by God in such detail?

#### HOW DOES THE PASSAGE POINT TO JESUS?

1. What were the three requirements that God commanded for the lamb? Which one seems the most significant to you? Why?
2. How does The Passover lamb and meal in Exodus 12:5-8 point to Jesus as the Passover Lamb in 1 Corinthians 5:7; and the Lord’s Supper/Communion in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.?
3. Why was there no mention of lamb at The Last Supper? Why did Jesus’ Last Supper signal a new kind of Passover feast?

#### HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO RESPOND?

1. How does this message prepare you to respond to believers or non-believers who state that the Old Testament is irrelevant or that only the New Testament relates to Christianity?
2. How does knowing that the blood of Christ has freed you from judgment change your view of that day when you will stand before your Creator? Did this message have an impact on your view?
3. As you consider your past bondage to sin and God’s gracious rescue through the blood of Jesus – what one word would you now use to describe your life? Something this important demands to be celebrated! How can we continually remember God’s rescuing grace in Jesus, both personally and corporately?