



Outward Group Discussion Guide

October 26, 2025 (Salem)

SUMMARY

This sermon explores Exodus chapters 11-13, focusing on the Passover as the foundational event that shapes Israel's national identity and our identity as believers. The pastor draws parallels between the Passover lamb and Jesus, emphasizing that salvation comes not through Jesus's life example, but through His substitutionary death and shed blood. The message challenges listeners to remember the severity of their sin, the costliness of their salvation, and to live with their identity shaped by the gospel. The sermon warns against a low view of sin that leads to weak worship, and calls believers to continually apply the blood of Christ to their lives through faith, remembering what God has done for them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding the Passover story change or deepen your appreciation for Jesus being called the Lamb of God?
2. In what ways might you be holding a low view of sin, and how does that affect the passion with which you worship God?
3. What modern idols or gods might you be carrying in your pocket that compete with your devotion to the Lord?
4. The sermon mentions that your faith might be like a flimsy hyssop plant, yet it is enough to apply the blood of Jesus. How does this challenge or comfort you in moments when your faith feels weak?
5. How can remembering the bitterness of slavery to sin prevent us from returning to old patterns of life?
6. What does it mean practically for your life to be centered around the gospel, with your calendar and identity shaped by what Christ has done for you?

7. The Israelites were commanded to teach their children about the Passover when asked. What spiritual practices or moments in your life might prompt your children or others to ask why you live the way you do?
8. How does the concept of giving God your first and best challenge the way you currently allocate your time, money, and energy?
9. Why do you think God required such a vivid, physical, and even disturbing ritual with the lamb and blood rather than a more abstract form of salvation?
10. The sermon states that Jesus did not save you through living like him, but through his death. How does this truth guard against modern distortions of the gospel that focus only on Jesus as a moral example?