



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores Exodus 12's instructions for the Passover meal as a powerful metaphor for how Christians should receive and live out their salvation. The pastor emphasizes that it's not enough to simply pray a prayer or acknowledge Jesus as Savior - believers must "ingest" Christ with urgency and intentionality. Just as the Israelites were commanded to eat the Passover lamb with their belts fastened, sandals on, and staff in hand, Christians are called to apply the gospel to every area of their lives with missional urgency. The bitter herbs represent our sin and slavery, reminding us of what Christ saved us from. The sermon challenges the modern tendency toward comfortable, convenience-based Christianity, calling instead for passionate discipleship marked by readiness to serve, obey, and move wherever God leads. The father's running embrace of the prodigal son illustrates God's urgent pursuit of us, which should inspire our urgent response to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the imagery of the Passover lamb with bitter herbs challenge you to remember and acknowledge the slavery of sin you've been saved from?
2. What does it mean to not just pray a prayer of salvation, but to truly 'receive Christ' and 'put on Christ' in your daily life?
3. In what areas of your life are you eating the sacrifice 'in haste' with urgency, and where are you still trying to eliminate hurry and stay comfortable?
4. How does understanding that you were once an enemy of God change your perspective on worship and your relationship with Jesus?
5. What would it look like for you to have your 'belt fastened, sandals on, and staff in hand' ready to move wherever God calls you?
6. Are there callings or promptings from God that you've been putting off with a 'yeah, one sec' attitude rather than immediate obedience?

7. How does the truth that 'the Father runs to you' with compassion impact your willingness to run toward Him and His mission?
8. What does it mean to 'feed on the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus' as your primary source of nourishment rather than worldly identities?
9. If the gospel has truly penetrated your life, what tangible changes or urgencies should be evident to those around you?
10. How can you move from being a 'Christian in name only' to someone who applies the sacrifice of Jesus with missional urgency in everyday decisions?