

THE EXODUS WAY

Discussion Questions 2/15/26

The Formation Test

Intro: The Passover reveals that we are constantly being formed—either by the empires of this world or by the Kingdom of God. God countered Pharaoh's fear by training his people in defiant joy, commanding them to feast while still in slavery. He further shaped the identity of his people by having them mark their doorposts with blood to publicly declare their allegiance. The innocent lamb's blood pointed forward to Jesus, who stands between us and death, inviting us to place our full allegiance in him rather than the modern Pharaohs competing for our loyalty.

Story: What are things you've had to give up because of your loyalty to Jesus?

Read: Exodus 12:1-30

1. What do you think are the things most forming us in life today and how are they forming us?
2. What does it mean to root your identity in Jesus? (Think in terms of identity in Jesus as opposed to performance, possessions, or prestige.)
3. Brainstorm with your group about ways that you could schedule time to practice joy and celebration. How could you regularly schedule celebration into your rhythms of life as well as your small group meetings?
4. Read Mark 14:1-26. What do you notice about this passage and what stands out when considering that this was the Passover meal from Exodus that Jesus was eating with the disciples?
5. What is one practice you can begin this week that will intentionally form you toward joy and allegiance to Jesus rather than fear and cultural pressure?

Pray for:

- Joy
- Freedom from Pharaoh
- The Spirit to form you to become more like Jesus