

For use in Small Groups and Personal Reflection

## Question for Week following service Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

LENT 1

### Passover - Exodus 12:1-13

#### Preparation

1. Watch the sermon for this weeks title from your church YouTube channel
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

#### Reading:

#### Exodus 12:1-13

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbour shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

## Questions for discussion

Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions. Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. **What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?**
  
2. **What provision for salvation did God provide for the Israelites during this final plague?**
  - a) *Why is a blood sacrifice necessary for God to pass over the homes?*
  - b) *Why did the lamb need to be spotless and without blemish?*
  - c) *Why did God command them to eat the lamb with belts fastened, sandals on, and staffs in hand?*
  
3. **Did God protect the Israelites because they were better than the Egyptians?**
  - a) *If not, why did God act as he did?*
  - b) *And what does that teach us for our lives today?*
  
4. **This event began a tradition of Passover.**
  - a) *What have been your family's most values traditions?*
  - b) *And why does the tradition of celebrating the Passover matter to the generations following the Exodus from Egypt?*
  
5. **How does the Passover cast light on the purpose and benefits of Christ death in the cross?**

## Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.