

Exodus 12 v1-13, 29-32 Discussion Questions* | Experiencing God's Deliverance

Focus on the Theme

1. Think of how the words 'redeem' and 'redemption' are used in everyday speech:

- 'He has no redeeming features. I don't know what she saw in him.'
- 'She didn't work hard in her first year at university, but she redeemed herself in her second year.'
- 'Clint Eastwood's *Unforgiven* is a typical Hollywood story of redemption.'

What other examples come to mind?

What Does the Bible Say?

2. Glance through Exodus 12:1-11. What, if anything, strikes you as significant (or interesting or puzzling) about the instructions for Passover?
3. According to Exodus 12:5, what kind of lamb was required, and what is significant about this?
4. Why did God require a mark on the door (12:7)? (Didn't he know where the Israelites lived?)
5. Look at John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, 1 Peter 1:18-19, and Revelation 5:6-14. In what ways does the Passover point forward to the rescue that Jesus brings?

Going Deeper

6. Read Matthew 26:17-30. What are the similarities and differences between the Passover feast and the last supper of Jesus with his disciples?
7. We tend to think of redemption in individual terms (being a redeemed person). What might be the significance of thinking of ourselves as a redeemed community (Titus 2:14, Revelation 1:5-6)?

Living it Out

8. Counteracting the fallout from the events of Genesis 3, Christ's death rescues us from guilt, shame, fear, and breakdown in relationships experienced by Adam and Eve. How do these factors impact you in your frontline context?

In what ways have you been most aware of God's redeeming power in this context?

9. Imagine: in conversation with a non-Christian friend, you get an opportunity to explain what Jesus' death means to you. How would you do so simply and succinctly using the idea of being set free from slavery?

10. How does the idea that God has released you from slavery into his own service affect how you see yourself and what you do in your everyday life?

Prayer Time

Take a few moments to reflect on what God has done in rescuing you.

Give thanks that Christ, the Passover lamb, has been sacrificed, and that you have been redeemed – set free – from the penalty of sin and death.

Ask that the redemption God has brought about through Christ would inspire you to live for him in your daily lives with deeper joy.

Pray for a non-Christian friend or colleague who hasn't experienced the freedom Christ brings.