

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / FEBRUARY 16

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

The sermon passage was Exodus 11:1–13:16. Read Exodus 12:21–28 together, which captures some key themes. After reading, share any observations you made about the text.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “There was not a house where someone was not dead. It was either a lamb whose blood was on the doorposts, or the firstborn son.”
- “Forgiveness always involves the absorption of a debt.”
- “There are only two ways to pay for sin: Either you pay for it yourself, by forfeiting your soul, or Jesus pays it for you.”
- “God gives them two rituals by which he wants them to commemorate this: the Passover meal and the sacrificing of the firstborn.”

Group Discussion

1. What does the Passover story in Exodus 11–12 teach us about God's character and his plan for redemption?
2. The sermon mentioned the communal nature of sin and atonement in ancient cultures. How does this concept challenge our individualistic view of sin and redemption?
3. Pastor J.D. said, “Forgiveness always involves the absorption of a debt.” How have you experienced this principle in your own life?
4. How does the symbolism in the Passover meal point to Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins?
5. In what ways can we, like the Israelites, become too comfortable in “Egypt” (the world) and need to be reminded of our redemption?

SCRIPTURE

- “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”
- Hebrews 9:11–12 (ESV)

PRAYER

- Thank God for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, the spotless Passover Lamb, which sets us free from the bondage of sin. Ask God to deepen our understanding and appreciation of his grace, which justifies and redeems us freely through Christ's finished work.
- Confess any areas where you have become too comfortable in “Egypt” (the world) and need to renew your commitment to Christ.