

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 1st March 2015

Going deeper

The book of Exodus begins with Israel crying out to God for help, because they are being oppressed as slaves by the Egyptians. The Egyptians are even killing their children to stop their numbers growing too large. God sends Moses to Egypt to tell Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to let His people go. Pharaoh refuses and so God sends a series of 10 plagues on Egypt. After the last most terrible plague, when God kills the firstborn in Egypt, Pharaoh lets the people go.

This passage is from just before the last plague, when Moses tells Israel what God has commanded them to do to protect themselves.

Read Exodus 12:21-28

4. Why is this festival called, 'The Passover'?
5. What groupings were the people to eat the Passover in? (cf. vs. 3-4) What does this say about Jesus's relationship with his disciples?
6. How is the Passover meal linked with the way the Israelites are saved from God's judgement?
7. Why is it significant that Jesus was crucified at about the time of this festival?
8. Why did God want them to repeat the meal annually?

Now turn over and do 'Applying it to our lives'.

Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Mark 14, the chapter that records the deep emotions and difficult relationships among Jesus and his disciples as Jesus prepares himself and his disciples for his imminent crucifixion.

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**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

A Special Meal

Mark 14:12-26 (page 1020)

Space to take notes on the talk

Trying to _____ Jesus?

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Accept Jesus _____ us!

Starter question

- What is the best meal anyone has ever made you?

Responding to the talk

1. If you had to 'tweet' the main point of this week's sermon what would you write? (140 characters or less).
2. Read Mark 14:12-16
 - a. What were the disciples expecting to do?
 - b. How does Jesus show he is in control?
 - c. How do you think the disciples would have felt about what happened?
3. Read Mark 14:17-21 (cf. Mark 14:10-11)
 - a. How did the disciples feel about what Jesus said?
 - b. What was so shocking about what Jesus said was happening?
 - c. Why does Jesus tell the disciples about this?
4. Read Mark 14:22-26
 - a. During the Passover meal, the different dishes were said to represent aspects of God's rescue of Israel from Egypt. What is Jesus doing when he talks about the bread and wine?
 - b. How does Jesus show that his death is for them?
 - c. How does what Jesus say assure us now?

If there is time, you may like to do the 'Going deeper' questions over the page. Otherwise please just jump to questions 10 and 11.

Applying it to our lives

9. In the light of what we have learnt what should taking communion mean to you?
10. As we become more involved in church activity, how can we make sure we focus on God's service of us rather than our service of Him?