

Small Group Bible Study

Foreshadow Week 2

Main Theme

This week we look at the story of Passover and discover how the blood of the lamb that saved Israel was pointing forward to Jesus. Long before the cross, God was already revealing that freedom and redemption would come through the sacrifice of a perfect Lamb.

Opening Prayer

God, open our hearts as we study Your Word. Help us see how every part of Scripture points us to Jesus and the freedom He brings. Amen.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- Have you ever experienced a moment where everything suddenly made sense after being confused for a long time? What changed that helped you see things clearly?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

1. Read Exodus 11:4-7

After nine devastating plagues, Pharaoh still refused to release Israel from slavery. God announces the final plague, the death of the firstborn, which would force Pharaoh to let His people go. Yet in the middle of judgment, God makes a clear distinction between Egypt and Israel.

This moment reveals both the seriousness of sin and the mercy of God. Even in judgment, God provides a way for His people to be spared.

- What does this passage reveal about God's authority over Egypt and its rulers?
- Why do you think Pharaoh continued to resist God despite the earlier plagues?
- What stands out to you about the distinction God makes between Egypt and Israel?
- What does this moment reveal about God's justice and mercy?
- How does this passage set the stage for the importance of the lamb in the next chapter?

2. Read Exodus 12:3-7, 12-13

God gives Israel very specific instructions. Each household must select a perfect lamb, sacrifice it, and place its blood on the doorframe of their home. When the destroyer passes through Egypt, the homes marked by the blood will be spared.

The protection did not depend on who lived in the house, their status, or their past. The only thing that mattered was whether the blood of the lamb marked the door.

- What specific instructions did God give the Israelites regarding the lamb?
- Why do you think the lamb had to be without defect?
- What role did the blood play in protecting the people inside the house?
- What does this passage teach us about God's provision for salvation?
- Why is it significant that the requirement was the same for every household?

3. Read John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19

Centuries later, John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The Passover lamb was never the final solution. It was pointing forward to Jesus, the perfect sacrifice who would take away sin once and for all.

Just as the blood of the lamb saved Israel from death, the blood of Jesus provides salvation for everyone who trusts in Him.

- Why do you think John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God?
- What similarities do you see between the Passover lamb and Jesus?
- Why is it important that Jesus is described as a lamb without blemish or defect?
- How does this connection deepen your understanding of the cross?
- What does this reveal about God's plan for redemption throughout Scripture?

3. Read Romans 6:20-23

Paul explains that sin leads to death, but God offers something entirely different through Jesus. What we could never achieve on our own, God provides through grace.

The freedom Israel experienced during the Exodus points to an even greater freedom that comes through Christ.

- What contrast does Paul draw between sin and the gift of God?
- How does this passage explain the need for a sacrifice?
- Why is eternal life described as a gift rather than something earned?
- How does the story of Passover help illustrate the truth of this passage?
- What does it mean for you personally to be set free through Jesus?

SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS

- What stood out most to you about the idea that the Old Testament has been pointing to Jesus the entire time?
- What detail in the story of Abraham and Isaac most clearly pointed you toward Jesus?
- How does seeing Jesus in the Old Testament strengthen your confidence that the entire Bible tells one unified story?
- If someone asked you to explain the gospel using the story of Abraham and Isaac, what would you say?

SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS

- What stood out most to you about the connection between Passover and Jesus?
- Why do you think the blood of the lamb was the only thing that saved Israel?
- In the sermon it was said that Pharaoh represents Satan and Egypt represents sin. How does that imagery help you understand the gospel?
- Why do you think it matters that the lamb had to be perfect and without defect?
- The sermon said that those marked by the blood of the lamb were saved, set free, and redeemed. Which of those three ideas stands out to you most and why?
- God told Israel to eat the Passover meal ready to leave. What might it look like for us today to live ready for what God wants to do next?
- Why do you think remembering the Passover was so important for Israel, and what is the equivalent reminder for Christians today?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- What is one step of obedience God may be asking you to take this week because you know you've been redeemed by Jesus?

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for being the Lamb who took our place. Help us trust Your plan and see Your presence throughout all of Scripture. Amen.