

**Women in the Word**  
**Exodus 11:1–12:28**  
*March 2, 2017*



1. Read Exodus 11:1-3. As the Lord speaks to Moses here, what does Moses learn about Israel's future?

Although Pharaoh was not a fan of Moses, how was Moses perceived by the Egyptians after the first nine plagues? Why might they feel that way about him?

2. Read Exodus 11:4-10. In verses 4-8, Moses is continuing the confrontation he began with Pharaoh in Exodus 10:24-29. Describe the final plague.

How will Israel be treated differently according to verse 7? Why?

What does Moses predict will be the response of the Pharaoh's officials after the last plague according to verse 8?

How does Moses leave this last confrontation with Pharaoh in verse 8?

3. Exodus 11:9-10 are summary verses of Pharaoh's actions and attitude before the final plague. In light of much unbelief in the world today, how does God's display of power in the face of Pharaoh's unbelief encourage your faith?

4. Read Exodus 12:1-14. In these verses, the Lord gives Moses and Aaron instructions for the first Passover. How does verse 2 suggest a new beginning for the nation of Israel?

The instructions for the very first Passover are given in verses 3-6. Describe the sacrifice that the Israelites are to make for the Passover as directed by the Lord.

How is the Passover to be observed in each home according to verses 7-11?

What is the distinctive characteristic of this celebration that points to the death of Christ?  
Read John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7 and 1 Peter 1:18-19.

5. In Exodus 12:12-14, the Lord describes the final plague. Are the gods of Egypt that the Egyptians have been worshipping able to protect them from the Lord's final plague?

What will protect the people of Israel from God's judgement and death?

6. Just as the Israelites were delivered from God's judgement, as believers we are protected as well. What is it that delivers us from sin and separation from God? Read Romans 5:8-9 and Ephesians 1:7.
7. Read Exodus 12:15-20. In these verses, God gives Moses instructions for a celebratory feast to follow the Passover called Feast of the Unleavened Bread. Record the unique features that characterize this feast.

8. Why is it important for all the leaven/yeast to be removed from their homes according to verses 15 and 19?

Leaven/yeast has a powerful effect when worked into a lump of dough. It is also a metaphor for sin in the Scriptures. Read the following verses and in your own words share what insight you gain into sin through the example of leaven/yeast.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Galatians 5:9

In what way might the unleavened bread of the Passover remind us of Jesus? Read 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5.

9. Read Exodus 12:21-28. Moses delivers instructions to the elders of Israel concerning the Passover. How long should Israel continue to recognize the Passover after they leave Egypt?

What are they supposed to tell the next generations concerning the Passover?

10. Although the first Passover frees the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt, it also serves to remind us of Jesus and the purpose of His death. In your own words, write out how Jesus, as the sinless Lamb of God, has saved you. Read Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8-9; Romans 10:9-10, 13 and Romans 8:1.

11. Write out your personal prayer request in a few words to share with your small group.

## *A New Beginning*

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### *A Final Plague*

11:1-10

- *After this final plague, Pharaoh will drive the Israelites out of Egypt completely.*
- *Every firstborn son in Egypt’s families will die, from Pharaoh to the servant girl.*
- *The people of Israel and their sons will be spared.*

*Mercy and \_\_\_\_\_ belong to a Holy God.*

### *A New Celebration*

12:1-13

- *The Passover feast begins a new calendar and new life for Israel to celebrate as a nation.*
- *The blood of an unblemished lamb will protect the Israelites from the plague of death.*
- *Death of Egypt’s firstborn sons is God’s judgement on Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt.*

*Jesus Christ, the unblemished Lamb of God, offers a new life to anyone who personally accepts His sacrifice. It is His \_\_\_\_\_ that defeats death for all who believe.*

### *A Memorial to the Lord*

12:14-20

- *Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are memorials to God for His redemption and salvation.*
- *Being without yeast reminds the people that they should now live holy, sin free lives.*
- *Carefully observing these celebrations shows respect and love for the God who redeemed them.*

*Honoring God through our \_\_\_\_\_ to His commands expresses our love and reveals our grateful hearts.*

### *A Remembrance Forever*

12:21-28

- *The Passover will be a lasting ordinance of the nation of Israel through all generations.*
- *Future generations will be taught God’s divine plan of redemption through the Passover.*
- *The people bow in worship and obedience as they embrace God’s plan for their future.*

*Worship is the heart’s response when it \_\_\_\_\_ and receives God’s free gift of salvation.*

### *Our New Beginning*

- *We were once slaves to sin.*
- *The blood of the unblemished Lamb of God allows us to experience freedom from sin and eternal salvation.*
- *We have a new beginning through Jesus Christ because of God’s gracious plan of redemption.*

*Key: judgement, blood, obedience, recognizes*

*“GO!” The Story of Exodus*

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**EXODUS 4:22,23** Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”

**PSALM 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

**PSALM 89:14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**ROMANS 1:18-21** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**HEBREWS 11:28** By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

**JOHN 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

**EPHESIANS 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

**ROMANS 5:8** But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 PETER 1:14-16** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**1 JOHN 5:2,3** This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome. (NIV 1984)

**DEUTERONOMY 6:6,7** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**1 PETER 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (NIV 1984)

**JOHN 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.