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# life together

SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **Main point from Sunday's sermon (Ex 12-13:16):**

By faith in the provision of God, we are sheltered from the judgment of God, for lives of obedience to God. Now let's RECAP:

## **Re-Read**

Re-read Exodus 12:1-13:16. As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

## **Evaluate**

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

**1.** We are called to have faith in the provision of God (12:1-28) / **2.** then We are sheltered from the judgment of God (12:29-51) / **3.** We are called to live lives of obedience to God (13:1-16)

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

## **Citations from the Church**

*"The blood has the astonishing power to solve the problem of acceptance before God," Alec Motyer.*

What do you think about this quote? How would you define the greatest problem facing humanity? Do you agree or disagree that your sin problem is the biggest problem in your life? What is your response to this quote in light of that?

*"The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God; the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man," John Stott.*

Do you agree? Is this a biblically-sound quote? What are some examples of this from your own life? What verses come to mind when you think of substitution? Does the idea of substitution matter to Christianity? Why or why not?

## **Application or Advancing the Gospel**

Exodus 12 contains an amazing promise that God is going to save His people. What role did their faith and acting upon God's promises play in the Passover? Why weren't the people just saved like they were in the previous 9 Plagues?

Do you trust God's promises? Do you obey the commands that come with them? Why or why not? What makes that difficult for you?

In light of God's redemption, he now expects joyful obedience and regular celebration of His salvation. Would you quantify your obedience as joyful? How would others describe it?

How does the understanding of living life in the *Already-but-Not-Yet* give you hope for your daily life? Remember, we're viewed holy (Positional), becoming holy (Progressive), and will one day be fully holy (Perfect). Is that encouraging? Why?

## **Praise**

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea; A great High Priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me; My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within; Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin; Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me

*"Before the Throne of God Above," Sovereign Grace*