



## SDG Discussion Guide

Exodus 12:1-17;  
Matthew 26:17-20; 26-29

November 5, 2017

As time permits, read aloud the selected texts in your group, taking turns as you can. Make note of what points and questions are raised for you for your following discussion.

For starters:

Where do you fall in the birth order of your family? What expectations or privileges or both fell to the oldest? To the youngest? What was allowed and allotted to you?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the respective text.)

1. What is the connection between blood and death in the Exodus passage? Why is blood a protection against death?
2. What would an Israelite's obedience or disobedience regarding God's instructions about the lamb, the blood and the unleavened bread indicate about their faith in God?
3. God surely could have accomplished the Exodus without the death of all the firstborn of Egypt. So why do you think he chose to do it this way? In what sense was this a "judgment on all the gods of Egypt" (12:12)? In what sense was this a "wonder of God" (11:9)?
4. What influence was the Passover event intended to have on Pharaoh? On the Egyptians? On the Hebrews? On future Israelites? Do you think it succeeded? How so?
5. What are the "gods" of your culture? How does God show us his wondrous power as a reminder that he is more powerful than anything or anyone that we can tend to look to for temporary comfort and security?
6. What part do ceremonies, such as communion or the Easter family meal, play in helping you remember what God has done for you? How do you or how will you keep these memories alive in your children or in the next generations.
7. What impresses you most about Jesus at the Last Supper?
8. How deeply do you know God's forgiveness of your sins? Why do many Christians struggle with guilt if Jesus provides the forgiveness of sins?

How can your group pray for each other? Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. Listen and pray as he leads you.

\*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).