

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Matthew 26:1-2, 17-19, Jn. 13:4-5, 12-22

Mathew 26:1 "When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, **2** "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" **18** He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" **19** And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

John 13:4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, **5** and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him...

12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? **13** You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. **14** And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. **15** I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. **16** I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. **17** Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. **21** And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." **22** And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

Other Passages: Exodus 12:1-14, 24-28, Matthew 26:23-29, Jn. 6:47-58, Rom. 3:22-26, 2 Cor. 5:17-21

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- Shank Bone, *Zeroa*: Used to remind us of the Passover lamb and also as a symbol of God's outstretched arm with which he delivered Israelites from Egypt.
 - Roasted Egg, *Beitzah*: Not in the Bible, but utilized after 70 AD commemorated destruction of the temple.
 - Bitter Herbs, *Maror*: Represents the bitterness of slavery. Referenced in Jn. 13:26
 - Unleavened Bread, *Matzah*: Represents provision of manna in the wilderness. Jesus equates his body with the matzah in Lk. 22:19, He broke the matzah and said this represented his body 1 Cor. 11:24
 - Sweet mixture, *charoset*: Represents the mortar used by the Israelite slaves to make bricks. Even in slavery and hard work it can be sweet with remembering God's faithfulness.
 - Greens, *Karpas*: The greens represent life, yet before you eat them you dip in salt water, representing tears of life and how hard it can be.
 - 4 Cups of wine: Each cup is a symbol of God's judgment and salvation. First is the *Kiddish* cup, cup of sanctification, then the cup of plagues, the cup of redemption, finally the cup of *Hillal*, or praise. Jesus raised the cup before the supper (Lk. 22:17-20).
1. How does understanding Passover and these elements change how you view Jesus as our sacrificial lamb?
 2. Take time to read Ex. 1-13, these chapters remind us of our slavery to sin, as the Israelites were in slavery. How do the images of slavery impact how you view redemption provided by Jesus, our lamb?
 3. As we enter this Easter season, how can you anticipate the hope of eternity in your daily life?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS