DEUCES | Exodus 12 | Leaders Notes

Main Idea: God shows His care for His people through providing salvation

Open up to Exodus 12

Discovery: 5-10 Minutes

- What aspects of the Passover did God command the Israelites?
 - This will be our opening discovery activity
 - I will give an assignment to each main pod, but I would like you to work as a smaller pod, and if there is time, you can compare with your other smaller pod a part of the main pod.
 - Each Main pod will have a section of the Passover from Exodus 12 to read and then record what God commanded the Israelites.
 - MS- 12:1-11
 - Select an animal from their father's household
 - Unblemished male
 - Animal will be slaughtered at twilight
 - Put the blood of the animal on the two doorposts and the lintel
 - Eat the meat of the animal by roasting over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
 - To eat the food:
 - Dressed for travel- sandals on feet, and staff in hand
 - Eat in a hurry
 - FS- 12:12-17
 - Celebrate the Passover as a festival to the Lord
 - Celebrate it throughout the generations
 - Eat unleavened bread for 7 days- if you eat it, cut off from Israel
 - First day, remove yeast
 - Sacred assembly on first and 7th days
 - No work on those days except for making preparations

- JS-12:18-28
 - Eat unleavened bread in the first month
 - Evening of 14th day to evening of 21st day
 - Yeast must not be found in houses
 - Do not eat anything leavened
 - Take hyssop[(in biblical use) a wild shrub of uncertain identity whose twigs were used for sprinkling in ancient Jewish rites of purification.], dip it in blood, and brush the lintel and doorposts
 - No one leaves their home until morning
 - Observe this ritual when you get to the promised land

Teaching: 10 Minutes

- I am going to be teaching over
 - What does Seder mean?
 - Teach out each of the components of the Seder plate- which you all will have discovered in the activity

DQs [Discussion Questions]:

 Last week we talked about how God gave judgements or punishments upon the nation of Egypt through plagues. The Passover plague was the final straw to get Pharaoh to finally let the Israelites go. The Egyptians were living contrary to what God had designed, and they were punished for it. Do you believe God punishes you?

In short, yes and no.

- Really push into this question with the students. I really want them to feel this in their hearts. This is a great question in order to assess their relationship with God.
 - If they are totally yes, then they may need to have a better understanding of who God is as their Father. For those who are believers, God is not looking to smite us. He is not waiting for us to mess up to then blow us out of the water. This is a shortsighted view of a loving Father.

- Example from my life: When I was in 8th/9th grade, I would do my best to pursue the Lord so God would not 'punish' my performance in sports, school, etc. I believe a large majority of our students might feel this way.
- If they are totally no, then they may need to have a true fear of the Lord. They need to understand God is full of justice, and has unbelievable power (two things which may have come up last week)
- Ammunition for you all
 - Yes- Sometimes God will punish us. However, it is out of love and discipline. We see this truth play out in Hebrews 12:3-11. The main verse of this passage is v. 6-8, "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives. ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons."
 - No- Like I said above, God's punishing us believers is moreover out of discipline. We have a loving Father who wants to give us what we, as believers, as for. However, we must understand that we may ask for something with proper motives, and God may answer a different way than we wanted, but it is for our own good.

Verses:

James 1:17, Luke 11:9-13, Romans 8:28

- Something else to consider in this question are the Earthly punishments and consequences that come with sin.
 - For example, if you are caught stealing from a business you work for, you will likely become fired. This is a situation where your sin has led to an earthly punishment of losing your job. This is not something God has done. This is something you have brought upon yourself.
 - Too many times we think God is punishing us for something, where we really need to look inward and take ownership of. We try and

justify our sin as a means, and then we feel hurt when that sin comes back and hurts us. We have to remember <mark>1 Peter 5:8- Be</mark> sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- The devil wants to lead us astray from God and kill us, because that means we spend eternity in the same position He will be in- Hell. The devil only wants to drag us down because he knows his future is hopeless.
- Not only are there eternal consequences of our sin, but we have to understand there are also earthly consequences that we will have to deal with.
- What is God teaching the Israelites through Passover?
 - Try not to jump to this conclusion right away, because this is going to be in my final punch to the students, but God is teaching them about salvation, and that through sacrificial blood, God will Passover.
 - o This is in direct connection to Jesus and His sacrifice
 - In the last supper with His disciples, Jesus is celebrating Passover.
 - Just as the Israelites used blood from an unblemished lamb to cover them from God's judgement, we believers are covered from God's judgement by the blood of our unblemished lamb, Jesus.
 - Just as God was going to bring the Salvation of the Israelites from the Egyptians, God gave us our salvation from sin by the way of Jesus.

 This goes back to our main idea of the evening that God cares for His people through Salvation!