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# PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus—our living hope and victorious King. Thank You that because He lives, we also live. Thank You that death has passed over us through His sacrifice. Jesus, You are our Passover Lamb. We praise You for who You are in us—our Redeemer, our Lord, our Friend. Holy Spirit, open our hearts as we reflect on Your Word tonight. In Jesus' name, Amen.



What's something that came back to life or worked again after you thought it was completely dead or done? (Could be a phone, a plant, an old friendship, a career idea, etc.)

### WORD

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you."

"You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

- Exodus 12:21-28 (ESV)

"Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

- 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from the Passover story and Paul's reflection in Corinthians?

(An easy opener to get everyone sharing.)

- 2. Why do you think God wanted the Israelites to remember the Passover through a yearly meal? What are ways we can remember God's sacrifice in our daily lives today?
- 3. Paul says "a little leaven leavens the whole lump." What areas in your life are you asking Jesus to cleanse or renew during this season?
- 4. How does the image of Jesus as our Passover Lamb help you better understand both God's justice and His mercy?
- 5. How can we live more intentionally as disciple-making disciples in our workplace, home, or uni? What does it look like to be a "leader-developing leader" in your circle?

#### REFLECTION

The Passover in Exodus 12 is a picture of both divine justice and divine mercy. The Israelites were told to mark their homes with the blood of a spotless lamb so that death would "pass over" them. This wasn't just a symbolic act; it was a rescue mission in real time. As Tim Keller writes, "The justice of God is not abandoned at the cross—it is fulfilled." In Passover, God didn't ignore sin; He provided a substitute.

Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians reminds us that Jesus is our true Passover Lamb. His sinless life and sacrificial death cleanse us from sin and bring us into new life. N.T. Wright puts it this way: "The resurrection is not just about life after death; it is about life after life after death—it's the beginning of God's new creation." Because of Jesus, we're not just saved from death—we're saved for a new kind of life.

This life is a response of worship. Like the Israelites bowing their heads in reverence, we too remember and celebrate what God has done. The Lord's Table (Communion) is one way we do this—keeping the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection alive in our hearts and relationships. As John Stott once said, "The cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of our love is kindled."

In 2025, in a world full of distraction, the challenge is to live in constant remembrance. We can do this by returning regularly to the gospel, engaging in meaningful worship, and developing others in the same way we've been discipled. As disciple-making disciples and leader-developing leaders, we echo Jesus' mission. We reflect the gravity of our sin not with shame but with humility—and we respond to God's grandeur grace with thankfulness and action.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for being our Passover Lamb. Thank You for taking our place, for rising again, and for calling us into new life. Tonight, we respond to Your love. For anyone here ready to surrender their life to You—we invite You in. Be our Lord, our Saviour, our King. Help us to never forget what You've done. Make us thankful and humble. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can live boldly as leaders in this generation—leaders who love, who serve, and who help others follow You. In Your Name, Jesus, Amen.