

WEEK 6 PREVIEW

This week we will read about the establishment of the Passover, seeking to understand the purpose of this special celebration and meditating on how Jesus is our Passover Lamb. We will also read about how God gave the nation of Israel the Ten Commandments and other laws to govern them in the Promised Land. Pay special attention to the characteristics that mark Moses as a leader. Also, pay special attention to the Lord's presence among his people, for this will be a major them throughout the Exodus story.

READING HELPS

DAY 1 Exodus 5-9	Notice the various excuses Moses' gives for why he can't lead God's people. Much tension is displayed in the promise of freedom for an enslaved people and God's power overwhelming the powers of Egypt.
DAY 2 Exodus 10–13	In what ways do you see a rising of the tension as you move through these chapters? What is the significance of the Passover according to Exodus 12?
DAY 3 Exodus 14–18	Pay attention to how God's deliverance of Israel is immediately followed by a series of crises. We should learn from the Israelites negative example. In what ways are we tempted to grumble about circumstances?
DAY 4 Exodus 19–21	The holiness of God is put on display in these chapters. How does our present culture fight against a clear-eyed view of the holiness and awesomeness of God?
DAY 5 Exodus 22–24	How should your values reflect God's?
DAY 6 Exodus 25–28	Notice the places in Exodus 25 that indicate God's desire to be among his people. Do you sincerely desire to actively experience God's presence in your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Consider Pharoah's obstinacy. Why do people stubbornly refuse to submit to God?
- 2. How did God provide for his people in the Passover? How has Jesus become our Passover Lamb?
- 3. Why do you think God's people complained so much after being delivered from slavery and experiencing God's provision in the wilderness?
- 4. How can you and the members of your family actively prepare to come before the Lord on Sunday mornings for worship?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for value human beings so much that you redeem us through the death of your Son. Please help me to always remember the price you paid for my redemption. Keep me from ever hardening my heart against you the way Pharoah did, but rather cause me to be a faithful servant in your household as Moses was. Amen.