**BCM Bible Study: October 7/8, 2020**

**Exodus 11:1-13:16: The Passover**.

**Read Exodus 11:1-10**

* Recall that God had said this would take place. **Read Exodus 4:21-23**. Also recall that Pharaoh killed Israelite males: **Read Exodus 1:15-16**.
	+ How do these passages shed light on the final plague?

**Read Exodus 12:1-13**

* What are the basic instructions God gives for celebrating Passover?
* **Read John 1:29.** What does it mean that Jesus is our Passover Lamb?
	+ In what way do you see hints of Jesus in the Exodus passage?
* In executing this plague, God gives the Israelites a new calendar starting that day. (12:1) Why does God do this? What does this signify?
	+ Do you feel like knowing God has given you a new start? In what way?
	+ In what ways do you feel like you need a new start? How could the idea of placing yourself under God’s protection help with this?

**Read Exodus 12:14-28**

* This section involves the administration of two rituals: the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. What are the basics of what these rituals involve?
* These rituals were to be performed each year. Why? What purpose did they serve?
	+ Why would practicing these rituals in this way be important for the faith of the Israelites?
* For Christians, the Passover has been replaced with the Lord’s Supper. **Read Luke 22:14-20** and **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**.
	+ What is the purpose of the Lord’s Supper? How is the meaning similar to the Passover?
	+ Does the Lord’s Supper have any spiritual impact on you? Do you ever find yourself going through the motions?

**Read Exodus 12:29-42**

* What message does it convey that Israel walked out of Egypt in such a triumphant way?
* **Read Genesis 15:12-14.** How do these verses enhance the meaning of this section of Exodus?
	+ What does this passage teach us about God’s provision?

**Read Exodus 12:43-13:16**

* What is the requirement for a non-Israelite to participate in the Passover?
	+ What is the significance of being circumcised?
	+ Why is it significant that God would make such a provision for foreigners? What does this teach us about God’s character?
	+ How does this inform our interactions with people who are not in the church or people of different ethnicities?
* What is the purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread? The consecration of the firstborn?
	+ **Read Numbers 8:15-19.** How does this passage shed light on the purpose of this ritual described in Exodus?
	+ **Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**, **Romans 12:1-2**
		- What does it mean to you that you belong to Christ? How does that concept impact your daily life?
		- The Egyptians were saved **from** slavery **to** walk in the ways of God. What were you saved **from**? What were you saved **to**?

Challenge

Tonight’s passage has a lot to do with remembering how God has intervened in your life and letting that inform your life now. In order to reflect on this, complete the sheet below that helps focus on what God has saved you **from** and what God is saving you **to**.