



# PASSOVER PASSOVER PASSOVER PASSOVER

## Group Discussion Questions

### SERMON RECAP

Matt Reagan explored the connection between Passover and Easter, emphasizing how Passover is central to understanding Jesus' message and the significance of the Resurrection. He highlighted the invitation of God to remember personal bitterness and pain before celebrating God's deliverance and redemption.

Through the symbolism of the Passover meal, Matt illustrated how Jesus' sacrifice invites believers to acknowledge their past while embracing the immediate transformation available through faith. Ultimately, he reassures the congregation that through Jesus' blood and body, they are called to a new life and purpose, free from the burdens of their past.

### GET STARTED

- If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why? Similarly, what is one food you absolutely despise and you will never eat again?

### TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

### TALK IT OVER

Read Exodus 12:1-11

- The Israelites were told to eat the Passover meal in haste, with their loins girded, sandals on their feet, and staff in hand, ready to leave Egypt. **What does this teach us about the importance of being prepared and ready to follow God's leading at a moment's notice? How can we cultivate a posture of readiness in our spiritual journey? What holds you back from being ready to move when God gives the command? Can you think of time God asked you to "move" and you obeyed? What was the result?**

- Passover is at the heart of the Easter story and serves as an invitation from God to His people to leave their past behind and move toward a better future. **What does the concept of Passover symbolize in relation to the Easter story? How can understanding the symbolism of Passover help you reflect on your own life and the invitations God gives you to change or grow?**
- Matt highlighted that before experiencing the joy of resurrection, we should remember the bitterness and pain we've faced, which are represented by the bitter herbs and saltwater in the Passover meal. **In what ways do bitterness and tears play a role in our spiritual journey? Let the bitter herbs symbolize how bitter life was before Jesus. It might be things you've done or things that were done to you. What do the bitter herbs symbolize in your life? If you're willing, give specific examples.**
- The unleavened bread in Passover symbolizes how quickly God can act and that the invitation to accept Him should not be postponed. **From the sermon, what do you think Matt meant when he said that Jesus' invitation is immediate and should be acted upon now? What are some things in your life that you feel God is inviting you to change or start doing right now? How can you take action on that invitation? What are some common obstacles that keep people from acting on the invitation of God?**
- The four cups of the Passover Meal are each a different reminder about the power and provision of God.
  - The Cup of Sanctification symbolizes the removal of the yoke of the Egyptians.
  - The Cup of Deliverance symbolizes deliverance from bondage.
  - The Cup of Redemption symbolizes redemption from sin.
  - The Cup of Praise symbolizes the praise due to God.

**Which of the four cups resonates the most with you personally and why? How can the meaning of that cup influence how you see yourself in your relationship with God?**

### **LIVE IT OUT**

The Passover was a communal event, with families coming together to share the meal. Discuss in your group how this aspect of community reflects the importance of fellowship and unity among believers. **In what ways can we foster a sense of community and shared faith experiences in our own church or faith community?**

**Memory Verse:** *"It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."* John 13:1