

RECAP

Last week, Brian challenged us to move from the "nostalgia of slavery" to the "freedom of allegiance" by choosing to surrender to Jesus' authority daily. The practices included:

- Morning Surrender: Handing the "leash" to Jesus before starting your day
- Catch the "Add to Cart" Moment: Pausing when tempted by "small freedoms" to ask, "Is this a choice or a chain?"
- Reflect on the Gift: Naming moments where obedience led to freedom

Did anyone practice one of these disciplines this week? What did you notice or experience?

Was there a moment this week where you caught yourself choosing a "small freedom" that felt more like a chain? How did recognizing it change your response?

IDEA 1: JESUS THE PASSOVER LAMB

Rob walked us through the Exodus story: Moses was called as a deliverer, the ten plagues came, and God commanded the Israelites to prepare a meal with urgency. Blood from an unblemished lamb was placed on the doorframes so the angel of death would "pass over" their homes. After 430 years, the people were delivered from Egyptian slavery. Then Rob connected the dots: "Moses instituted the Passover, but Jesus IS the Passover." Jesus doesn't just apply blood to the doorpost—He sheds His own blood to break the power of death. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 5:7, "*Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.*"

- Why is it significant that Jesus didn't just lead us out of bondage like Moses did, but actually became the sacrifice Himself?
- John the Baptist declared, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the Lamb of God!

IDEA 2: BETWEEN TWO TABLES

The "Big Idea" of the message is that we live between two tables: the table of remembrance (communion) and the table of celebration (the wedding feast of the Lamb in Revelation 19). We've been delivered, we walk in remembrance, and yet we are still waiting and wandering—just like the Israelites. Rob traced the arc: "*From 'eat this meal with urgency' to 'do this in remembrance of me' to 'let us be glad and rejoice.'*"

- What does it look like to live in the "already but not yet"—already delivered, but still waiting for full deliverance when Jesus returns?

IDEA 2:CONTINUED

- Rob shared that his most memorable communion experiences weren't in a church building, but around ordinary tables with other believers. What could it look like to be more intentional about remembering Jesus' deliverance when you gather around a table this week?
- Revelation 19 describes the "wedding feast of the Lamb." What emotions does that future celebration stir in you—hope, longing, joy, anticipation?
- Rob challenged us not to limit salvation to "being saved from the past for a future." Jesus brought glimpses of heaven as He walked the earth—healing the sick, freeing the oppressed, engaging the outcast. And He commissions us to do the same. Our vision is a City at Peace with God—and that's only realized when we embrace this truth and go out as ambassadors of deliverance. What is one practical way you can be a "deliverer" in someone's life this week?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

1. Reflecting on the Passover (5-7 mins)

Take some time to read the following verses slowly and reflectively.

- Exodus 12:11 (eating with urgency)
- 1 Corinthians 5:7 (Christ our Passover Lamb)
- Revelation 19:6-7 (the wedding feast)

After each reading, pause and ask people to silently reflect: "What does this passage stir in me right now? Gratitude? Longing? Hope? Conviction?"

2. From Remembrance to Commission (3 mins)

Invite 2-3 volunteers to share one word or phrase that captures what God stirred in them during the reflection.

3. Send One Another Out

Close by having everyone turn to the person next to them and speak this commissioning over them: "[Name], you have been delivered by the blood of the Lamb. Go this week and carry His deliverance to others. You are sent."

Then pray together: "Jesus, thank You for being our Passover Lamb. Help us not just remember at the table, but go out and release Your deliverance in our city. Amen."

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

This week, we want to move from passively waiting for deliverance to actively experiencing and releasing it in the present. Here are some ways to practice this in response to the sermon. Read through and discuss with your life group what you feel led to practice.

1. Table Gratitude:

Each time you sit down for a meal this week (even if it's just you and a sandwich), pause and say: *"Thank you for this meal and the meal that is to come. Thank you, Jesus, for being my Passover Lamb."*

2. Pray WITH Someone:

Identify one person this week who needs deliverance or freedom in some area. Don't just pray for them in private—reach out and ask if you can pray **with** them in person, over the phone, or via video call.

3. Carry the Light:

Choose one "pocket of bondage or decay" in your city, workplace, or neighborhood. Ask God: *"How can I bring Your deliverance here this week?"* Then take one small, tangible step—whether that's a conversation, an act of service, or a prayer walk.