



## FAITH FAMILY / Group Guide

### Month 2: The Sign on the Doorpost

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#### Food And Or Mixer (30 Mins)

- It will take time for people to come before you begin

#### FELLOWSHIP (15 minutes) - Take time to connect and care first

- Generally speaking, we're *looking back* at LAST MONTH, and what the Lord has been speaking to us! Help everyone get acquainted and talk through commitments and goals.

#### Highs & Lows

- Encourage everyone to share high points (all together)
- Have one person give a prayer of thanks
- Encourage everyone to get into several small groups, men with men and ladies with ladies, to share lows (prayer requests) and pray for each other.

#### Loving Accountability - Reinforce whatever you talked about last week

- Example 1: Rate how your "devotion time" is going 1-5, and why.
- Example 2: Is there anything the Lord has been dealing with you about shifting?
- \*\*\*Celebrate obedience

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#### TEACHING & PRAYER (30 minutes) - Make God's Word and prayer the focus - but not formal

- Generally speaking, we're *looking up* to God RIGHT NOW

#### Setup/Read

- We are on a 4-month journey learning about what it means to be in God's Faith Family.
- Month 2: The Sign on the Doorpost
- This is a true story from the Bible (God's Word) / God will speak to us through His Word
- Ask God to teach/speak, etc about our identity (brief prayer)
- Ask at least 1 person to read each passage



## The Sign on the Doorpost:

### Exodus 12 (NLT)

6 "Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. 7 They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. 8 That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. 10 Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

11 "These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed,[a] wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord's Passover. 12 On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! 13 But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Ask Questions and encourage group discussion.

1. S - What does this text SAY?
2. O - What is the scripture asking us to OBEY?
3. S - Are you ready to SHARE this? If not, run it again.

Pause and give thanks that the blood of Jesus Christ has been shed to rescue us from destruction.



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TRAINING (15 mins) - Remember, every disciple is a disciple-maker. Let's get started!

Everyone needs rescue. Jesus is that rescuer. He's calling us to tell the story.

### 2 Corinthians 5 (NLT)

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

1. Take 5 minutes for everyone to think back and write down all of the ways that Jesus Christ has been their rescuer.
2. Have everyone share 1 example. After everyone has shared, take time to pray and thank God for His goodness and mercy.
3. Practice telling your Jesus story. Before Jesus, I was... How I met Jesus... Because of Jesus, I am...
4. Have everyone jot down a few people that they are praying would come to know the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is their Good News list.

Goal-setting - makes discipleship personal

- Set 1-3 clear goals for your Faith Family to share
  - We will invite \_\_\_\_ (number) people to Easter Sunday!
  - We will pray for those on our Good News lists as a group.
  - We will check in once per week regarding our goals.
- Challenge each person to set 1-2 goals
  - I will be Christ's ambassador by sharing my Jesus story with \_\_\_\_ this week
  - Ex: I will read the Bible reading plan passages daily for the next 2 weeks.