



FAITH FAMILY / Group Guide

Month 2: The Sign on the Doorpost

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 month

- Example 1: Have you shared your Jesus story with anyone since we last gathered?
 - Example 2: How has your devotion time been going?
 - ***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

Worship

- Optional: Play the Good Friday worship video and sermonette we've created for you at BWOC.Online!

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 the protection He offers us (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."

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."

1. Disobedience to God's way leads to death

- a. "For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23
- b. What did your life look like when you did things your way?

2. The blood of the Lamb means rescue

- a. "...but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23
- b. "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." 2 Corinthians 5:19
- c. Take 5 minutes for everyone to think back and write down all of the ways that Jesus Christ has been their rescuer.
- d. Have everyone share 1 example. After everyone has shared, take time to pray and thank God for His goodness and mercy.

3. Rescues are signs to be seen.

- a. Do you think that the Egyptians noticed that the homes with the blood still had their firstborn sons running around?



b. 2 Corinthians 5 (NLT)

"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."

c. How can we make the blood of Jesus bright on the doorposts in our own lives?

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.

1. Practice telling your Jesus story. Before Jesus, I was... How I met Jesus... Because of Jesus, I am...
2. 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 goal
 - 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.