

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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### **I. The Preparations for the Passover Supper**

- A. Looking to the King
- B. The Directions of the King
- C. The Provisions for the King

### **II. The Progression of the Passover Supper**

- A. Thanksgiving (First Cup)  
*I am the Lord your God (Ex. 6:6a)*
- B. Washing (Jn 13:1-20)
- C. Elevation of the Bread & Second Cup  
*and I will deliver you from your bondage (Ex. 6:6a)*
- D. Recitation of the Hallel (Ps. 113-118)
- E. Eating of the main meal.
- F. After-Dish Bread & the Third Cup (The Cup of Blessing)  
*I will also deliver you with an outstretched arm (Ex. 6:6b)*
- G. Fourth Cup  
*Then I will take you for My people (Ex. 6:7a)*

### **III. The Promises of the Passover Supper**

- A. Exodus 6:6-7: Redemption Exodus
- B. Exodus 24:8: Covenant Sacrifice
- C. Jeremiah 31:31-34: New Covenant
- D. Isaiah 53 Substitute for Many
- E. Rev. 19:7-9: Messianic Banquet

## **Growth Group Understanding Questions**

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1. Read Matthew 26:17-35. Summarize the movement of the text. Jesus shares the Passover Feast with His disciples, but why might Matthew include only such sparse details.
2. Read John 13. Was Judas present when Jesus said "This is my body?" What is your Scriptural support from John 13? What significant difference do we see between Matthew 26 and John 13? How do we reconcile this difference?
3. What was the Passover Feast all about and what did it symbolize? In what ways did it point to Jesus? In what ways did Jesus enlarge and infuse the Passover with new and fuller meaning?
4. Read the Hallel (Ps. 113-118). How do these Psalms look to Christ? How does Jesus embody these Psalms?

## **Growth Group Application Questions**

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1. What was new and most challenging in the text/message this week and why?
2. Do you know any Jews who still celebrate the Passover? Have you ever talked to them about it and how they experience it? If not, why not? If so, what have you learned? Have you ever gone to a Seder service? What was it like for you?
3. How might a fuller understanding of the Passover Feast enrich our experience of communion?
4. The journey of the children of Jacob is a type and a foreshadowing of the journey of Christians. What is our exodus? Where has God taken us from? Where is He taking us to?
5. Covenant implies relationship and community. How is what Christ has done make possible a relationship with God and community with others? Since Christ died for us, what should our community look like?
6. Why should our experience of the Lord's Table cause us to look back and look forward? Which one have we most emphasized?