

Exodus
The Shadow that Shed Light- Week #8
Small Group Notes
September 24 and 27

Main Point: In the Passover, God showed the world the power of the blood. It is this blood that foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ and how it impacts our lives today.

Introduction:

What are examples of substitutes today? (Examples include: splenda for sugar, Generics for name brands) What qualities must exist for something to be considered a substitute?

In one of the final scenes of the movie, Last of the Mohicans, the British guard said to the enemy, “Take me, take me!” And because he did that, the others were able to escape while he suffered death. What was the impact of his act? Are there other examples from movies or shows that you can think of where someone was a substitute for others? If someone did something similar for you, how would you feel?

In today’s discussion, we are going to see the importance of the Passover celebration to the people and how it shows us the importance of the work of Jesus on the cross and calls us to respond!

Discuss:

First let’s discuss about “The Substitute”

1. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light on the **purity** of the substitute. (Exodus 12:5)
2. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light on the **personal nature** of the substitute. (Exodus 12:6)
3. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light on the **sacrifice** of the substitute. (Exodus 12:8a)

Explain: Pastor Brady makes the comment, “Justice demands a payment but love provided a substitute.” We see in this story the love of God on full display as He showed them that a substitute would be the way of redemption. When we see the work that Jesus did on the cross, we can understand how Jesus fulfilled both the righteous demands of God towards sin and yet it was His love that provided the substitute for us!

Ask:

When thinking about the substitution of Jesus, which of these three words stands out to you: purity, personal nature, sacrifice? Why?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:15 and 21. How do these verses speak to both the love and substitution of Jesus?

Why can we sometimes struggle with accepting Jesus as our substitute?

Next let's discuss “Our Response”

4. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light that true faith must be **applied**. (Exodus 12:7, 14-15)

5. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light on the priority of **surrender**. (Exodus 12:10)

6. The “Shadow” of Passover shed light on the that faith always proceeds our **freedom**. (Exodus 12:11)

Explain: Pastor Brady said, “The reason we are free is that we applied the substitute,” meaning that we come under its authority and protection. Therefore, those who apply the blood remove the yeast, meaning that we never follow what we do not love. We truly follow God as our substitute and not just a Law-giver. Furthermore, we see how only in surrender are we truly filled! And with surrender comes freedom that can be expected!

Ask:

Why do you think it was important for the Israelites to eat the lamb and apply the blood exactly the way that God said to do it (a one year old lamb, without blemish, with belts fastened, sandals on)?

What are ways that you see God teaches us the value of both faith and obedience?

When God has asked you to demonstrate faith and obey, what has been your response? What about a time when it was difficult to trust Him and obey Him?

Finally let's discuss "The Sacrifice"

7. The "Shadow" of Passover shed light that one way or another we will have to **accept a death**. (Exodus 12:13, 21-27)

Explain: By passing over the houses of those whose door frames were streaked with blood, God was telling His people that salvation is only possible through sacrifice. As Pastor Brady stated, "In the Passover, God showed the world the power of the blood." Consider how these verses point to the greater sacrifice of Jesus: John 1:29, Hebrews 9:11-14; Romans 3:21-26.

Ask:

Question of personal reflection: Have you been trying to be your own personal sacrifice or have you truly accepted the death of Jesus as the substitute and sacrifice for your life?

What is the importance of sharing the significance of the Passover (remembrance of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection) with others? What would it look like for your faith to be vocal and visible this week?

Do:

What are ways that the Lord's Supper helps you to reflect upon the substitution and sacrifice of Jesus? Why should we not take this act as a church casually?

Share with someone in the group your story of your life before Jesus, how you can know Jesus personally, and your life since Jesus.