



ENJOY HIS PROVISION

Exodus 12-13

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WARMING UP

1. Can you think of a specific time in your life when God came through with an amazing provision of some kind (physical, relational, spiritual, etc.)? What happened?

DIGGING IN

You have no reason for concern; God provides all you really need.

2. *You need to be saved from death . . . he provides that (12:1-32).*
 - Pastor Todd shared five key takeaways from this section: (i) the physical death of the firstborns is a metaphor for the spiritual death that awaits all (cf. Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8); (ii) the Passover is a picture of what Jesus did to provide a way of salvation for the world (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7b); (iii) the Passover and exodus picture our exit from sin's slavery and death to freedom and life; (iv) though we are free from sin and slavery, like the Israelites, there is yet a journey ahead of us to the Promised Land; (v) for Christ followers, the Passover memorial was replaced by the Lord's Table. Take some time to unpack each of these important truths. Do you understand and can you explain the Old and New Testament connections? What questions do you have? What are the practical implications?
3. *You need the basics of life . . . he provides that (12:33-42).*
 - How does God make provision for the Israelites' journey? How is this "plundering" very different than that of the Vikings or pirates? What does this reveal about God?
 - Read Matthew 6:25-33 and 1 Timothy 6:8. What do these passages teach about God's provision for us? How do these texts challenge our concept of Canadian middle-class living? Be honest—what level of provision do you require in order to be truly content?
 - Missionary Viv Grigg said, "Earn much, consume little, hoard nothing, give generously, celebrate life." How does this statement intersect with your life?
4. *You need to grow in your faith . . . he provides that (12:43-13:19).*
 - What practices does God implement to strengthen the Israelites' faith? How so? What are some of the rites that God has given to grow our spiritual walk? What do you find to be the most beneficial practice in growing your personal faith?
 - Why does God lead his people toward the Promised Land "by way of the wilderness" rather than "by way of the land of the Philistines"? How would his actions be different in the taking of Canaan vs. the escape from Egypt? What are the ramifications for our faith journey?
5. *You need help along the way . . . he provides that (13:20-22).*
 - How is the pillar of cloud/fire a representation of God's direction, protection, and comfort for the Israelites? How are these same three categories of help important for us today?

BREAKING OUT

6. What particular provision are you most in need of right now? To what degree are you depending on and trusting God to meet that need? How can you lean into him even more?