

STUDENT STUDY GUIDE: WEEK THREE // EXODUS

KEY UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIVES

1. God rescues His people from slavery (The Passover was the way to enter into God's freedom)
 2. God's people are called to be holy and set apart from other nations
 3. The people had to learn how to be free and trust God as their 'king'
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ACTIVITY 1

[God rescues His people from slavery → The Passover was the way to enter into God's freedom]

Observe

1. Read Exodus 12:1-13
2. Pretend you are a Hebrew person in this time that has been given the responsibility of preparing the Passover for your household. Write down a recipe for the Passover, including the specific ingredients needed and the step-by-step process you had to follow.

Understand

1. What parts of the Passover preparation required faith from the people?
2. In your opinion, at what point of the Passover were the people 'saved'?
3. What saved them?

Apply

And what saves us?

1. What parallels do you see between the Passover and what Jesus did for us?
2. Isn't it incredible what Jesus has done for us!! Take a moment to offer your thanksgiving to Him – through a prayer, song, expressing yourself creatively or whatever suits you.

ACTIVITY 2

[God's people are called to be holy and set apart from other nations]

Observe

1. Read Exodus 20:1-17
2. In the table below we've given you a list of words that summarise a key focus of each of the 10 commandments. Write down the commandment next to the matching key focus.

KEY FOCUS/QUALITY	MATCHING COMMANDMENT
Purity	
Worship	
Respect for Life	
Order	
Truthfulness	
Loyalty	
Contentment	
Respect for Authority	
Reverence of God	
Honesty	

Understand

1. In what ways do the commandments protect relationships:
 - a. Between people and God?
 - b. Between people?
2. In Exodus 19:3-6 we read that God desires His chosen people to be 'a holy nation'. In what ways do you think God's law sets His people apart from the nations around them?

Apply

Whilst we do not live under the Law anymore, because we have been justified by faith in Christ, we can still see that God's Laws are guidelines to help us walk right before Him and with others. Is there a particular command that you are struggling to keep? Or do you wonder how these commands apply in the 21st Century? You can check out the link below for teachings on each of the commandments and how they apply to us today.

<http://www.canonjohn.com/just10>

(scroll down the page to the section "Ten Contemporary Titles" and select the commandment that interests you.)

ACTIVITY 3

[The people had to learn how to be free and trust God as their 'king']

Observe

1. Find a verse/passage throughout the book of Exodus that shows how God was the 'perfect King' over His people. You could look for traits such as:
 - a. His presence
 - b. His guidance
 - c. His protection
 - d. His provision
 - e. His discipline
 - f. His righteousness

Understand

Put yourself in the Hebrew peoples' shoes:

1. What did they know about God before the Exodus? *(think about what stories would have been passed down to this generation from previous generations)*
2. How had they been governed by the Egyptians? What might they have expected of leaders because of this experience?
3. What would it have been like for them to come out from Egypt and into this new way of life and freedom?
4. In the passage/s you looked at above (in 'Observe' section), what did God do or say that would help the Hebrew people come to trust Him?

Apply

Spend a moment reflecting on an instance when Jesus revealed Himself to you as your perfect King (in the ways mentioned above in 'Observe'). Write a short testimony of this instance and pray for an opportunity to share this with someone this week.