



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.19.23  
Exodus 12 // Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 In the sermon on Sunday, Pastor Rick shared a true story about a POW camp in Japan in WWII. In the story, one innocent man died for a crime he did not commit, so that others around him might be spared. Pastor Rick mentioned that this kind of story is incredibly powerful. Is there a book or a movie that you love that portrays this kind of sacrifice in a meaningful way?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

### Create Context (5 min):

1. For the week of Thanksgiving, we will not have a Sermon Recap Video. Sermon Recap Videos will come back next week!

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Read Exodus 12:26-28. In the sermon, Pastor Rick mentioned that the two Hebrew words used in verse 27 for “bow down” and “worship” are really two different ways of saying “bow down” in Hebrew with different connotations (credit to Pastor Josh Stone for this insight). One of these words speaks more to outward posture, while the other is more about inward posture.
  - Are you ever tempted to approach God just with your head (religion) or just with your heart (emotion)?
  - Why is it important to, as Pastor Rick mentioned in the sermon, approach God with both our heads and our hearts (in a posture of true devotion)?
- 3 Read Exodus 12:5-8 and 12:21-23. Then read 1 Corinthians 5:7 and 1 Peter 1:18-19.
  - What are some similarities you see in the descriptions of the Exodus Passover Lamb in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ in the New Testament?
  - Why are these parallels important for us to see and understand as Christians today?
- 4 Read Hebrews 10:11-14. In Hebrews 10, the author of Hebrews tells us that while animal sacrifices in the Old Testament needed to be repeated over and over again, Jesus’ sacrifice was once and for all. As verse 14 puts it, “For by a single offering he (Jesus) has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”
  - This passage of Scripture shows us that the sins of Christians are completely and forever paid for by the finished work of Christ. All we have to do is trust in Him to be the leader and forgiver of our lives. How is this good news for us today? (continued on next page)



- In earlier study guides, we've talked about the difference between justification and sanctification. Christians are completely justified by the finished work of Jesus, but Christians keep being sanctified by the Holy Spirit throughout their lives as they continue to grow in knowledge of and relationship with God.
  - Where do you see evidence of sanctification in your life?
  - How has your life looked more and more like the life of Christ the longer you have known and walked with Him?

⑤ Romans 5:8 (ESV) states that “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” The story of the gospel is that the innocent (Jesus Christ) died for the guilty (sinners). Knowing that as Christians we are called to live a life that imitates Christ - what kind of forgiveness should we live out in our relationships with others after being forgiven by Him? Is there anyone in your life that you are need to forgive today?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- "Introduction to Exodus," The Gospel Coalition - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-exodus/#overview>
- “Common Questions Christians Ask about Forgiveness,” by Erik Raymond – The Gospel Coalition - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/common-questions-christians-ask-forgiveness/>

## APPLY (30 MIN)

Today in our Study and Discussion section, we mentioned the ideas of justification and sanctification. Christians are completely justified by the finished work of Jesus, but Christians keep being sanctified by the Holy Spirit throughout their lives as they continue to grow in knowledge of and relationship with God.

- While we are saved by the work of Christ, we keep growing in our ability to run from sin and resist temptation throughout our Christian walks. What does it look like for you right now to walk in freedom from sin and resist temptation well?

## PRAY (15 MIN)

During your time of study and application, there may be prayers that rise to the surface for individuals or the group. Take those things collectively to the Lord in prayer. We would also encourage your group to make a list of people that you are praying for to trust Jesus as the leader and forgiver of their life. Pray for the list often and hold one another accountable to share the good news as the Holy Spirit provides and prompts.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please take a moment to share  
these announcements with your group.

## SAVE - THE - DATES

CVC Youth Ice Skating: December 10th

CVC Men's Christmas Party: December 13th

CVC Adult LifeGroup Leader Training: January 13th