

## A NIGHT OF WATCHING

Exodus 12:21-42

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**(See the next page for questions for families/children)**

### CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What are you watching this week? The news? Social media? Netflix?
  - How is what you are watching impacting the way you are living?
- Who is watching you this week?
  - How does that impact the way you are living?

### APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 12:21-42. In his message, Pastor taught us **how to respond to those who watch us**.

#### 1. Your kids are watching - teach them (Exodus 12:26)

- *If you have children in your home, be sure to look at the next page for discussion questions you can use with your family.*
- If you have young kids, how are you trying to teach them during this time while they are at home? How is that going? What are some simple ways you can teach them about Jesus this week?
- Pastor Pat quoted Tim Keller saying, "You are never happier than your most unhappy kid." As a son/daughter, how does this help you understand your parents a little better?
- If you have a child who is hurting, how can your Cell Group pray for you this week?

#### 2. Your enemies are watching - show them (Exodus 12:31-32)

- Do you have neighbors, coworkers, or family members who don't know Jesus as their Savior? Who are they? How does it challenge or encourage you to know that they are watching you?
- How can you use this unique time in our history to creatively show God's love to others who aren't Christ-followers? Brainstorm as a group and come up with several practical ways.

#### 3. Your God is watching - fear Him (Exodus 12:42)

- **Be fearful! (Proverbs 5:21)**
  - Is there anything in your life this last week that you are ashamed to know that God was watching? Confess that to Christ and to your group right now (1 John 1:9)
- **Be watchful! (Titus 2:13)**
  - Does the fact that Jesus is coming back to take His followers from earth to heaven encourage you or discourage you? Why?
- **Be encouraged! (2 Chronicles 16:9)**
  - How has God used people to remind you of His love recently? How can you encourage others?

### PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray together, asking God to help us live as pilgrims preparing for Jesus to take us home to heaven.



# QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

Have you ever ridden on a donkey? Or a horse? What was it like?

Have you ever had to wait for something to happen or watch for someone or something to arrive at your house? How did you feel while you were waiting? How did you feel when the waiting was done?

What idols are God breaking down in your life right now? (The god of sports, entertainment, people, etc.)

Do you have a hard heart like Pharaoh did? It didn't help him at all! God was clearly in control with the Israelites leaving Egypt. And He is still in control of the world now and in your life too!

What does it mean to fear the Lord? (Fear Him by knowing that He's watching you!)

Are you ready for the return of Jesus?

2 Chronicles 16:9 - "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him."

- Do you have a loyal heart to God?

Who are you watching? What kind of example are they for you? Do they point you to Jesus?

Who is watching you, as a kid? Younger siblings? Friends? Cousins? Are you pointing them to Jesus?

Do you live like God is watching you?

8 other Saylorville Kids this past week have accepted Jesus as their Savior! Is this something you have done? What questions do you have about coming to know Jesus?

Are you a friend of God or an enemy?

**This week's memory verse:**

1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Next week's verse:**

Matthew 28:6 – "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."