

## GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Have you ever seen the judge instead of paying the fine?

## PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

### HELPFUL BACKGROUND

#### Firstborns

In ancient cultures, the firstborn held status, inheritance, and legacy. The death of the firstborn was a complete and devastating judgment over Egypt's future. A response to Pharaoh's mandate that all Hebrew boys be drowned in the Nile.

#### God Makes a Distinction

In verse 7, God makes a "distinction" between Egypt and Israel. God's protection is not based on merit but on God's covenantal promise that they belonged to God.

#### God as Judge

Pharaoh's hardened heart becomes the canvas for God's justice and power to be displayed. This passage portrays God not only as Deliverer but as Judge. A Judge who sees all, distinguishes rightly, and administers both justice and mercy.

### KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 11

1. What does God say He will do in Exodus 11:1, and how is that different from the previous plagues?
2. How are the Egyptians beginning to view Moses and the Israelites in verses 2-3? What happened?
3. What are the details of this plague in verses 4-6?
4. How is Israel's experience going to be radically different from Egypt's in verse 7?
5. What does God promise as the result of this plague in verses 8-10?

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Teaching:** *What is God teaching you in this passage?*

- Why do you think God wanted Israel to rest and watch, rather than act, in executing justice for their mistreatment?
- What does this passage teach us about the nature of God as judge and our response to it?
- What does this passage teach us about the assurance of our salvation?

**Reproof:** *Have you been convicted of any wrong thinking or behavior?*

- Where in life do you respond as judge instead of letting God?

**Correction:** *What do you need to correct in light of this passage?*

- Where do you need to trust God as Judge? With justice, mercy, or belonging?
- How might you better trust that your belonging is based on God's mercy, not performance?

**Training in Righteousness:** *What are practices or habits you can form or change?*

- How can you practice seeking God as judge? What can you expect?
- What would it look like to rest in God as judge this week?

### ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

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