

**The Common Thread: There is a Holy God who lovingly pursues a relationship with His creation, Man.**

### **Big Picture**

- God rescues His people from slavery/oppression from sin.
- God gives the law to show them how to live with Him as their God.
- God gives His chosen people a way to atone for their sins and live close to Him.
- They were to be a people who display God's glory to the nations.

### **Scene 1 - Deliverance**

Genesis 37-50; Exodus 12

**God never abandons His people.**

**Passover lamb – A picture of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 5:7; Colossians 1:14

**The importance of remembering.**

### **Scene 2 - Instruction**

Exodus 20

1. Relationship with God:

- 1) God should be first.
- 2) No idol worship.
- 3) Do not misuse God's name.
- 4) Set aside the Sabbath day for rest and worshiping God.

2. Relationship with each other:

- 1) Honor your parents.
- 2) Do not murder.
- 3) Do not commit adultery.
- 4) Do not steal.
- 5) Do not lie.
- 6) Do not covet (hunger and thirst or long for) what doesn't belong to you.

**Rules without relationship lead to rebellion.**

**What we know about God.**

## Life Groups Questions

Turn a question into a conversation. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God work!

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you could change a rule or law today what would it be?

How would you describe yourself?

- Rule follower and hall monitor.
- I have taken 13 items into the 12 item line at the store
- Rules are really more like suggestions
- Rules? What rules?

What is your favorite tradition in your family?

### Going Deeper

#### Read Proverbs 14:12

What does this verse reveal about our nature?

#### Read Exodus 2:23-25

Does God hear us when we cry out?

What does it mean that God is concerned?

Do you believe God is concerned about your trials?

Where in your life has God rescued you from your own "slavery" or decisions? How did you respond to Him after He did this?

#### Read Exodus 12:11-14

What is the significance of eating the meal in haste?

Deliverance/salvation has a price. What were the people instructed to do with the blood?

#### Read Matthew 26:17-30

How does the Passover sacrifice to save the people from death relate to Christ and His promise of forgiveness of sin?

Why is remembering what God has done important?

#### Read Exodus 20:1-20

What right did God have to issue these commands (v. 2)?

What reasons does God give for prohibiting idolatry (v. 4)?

What "other gods" or idols compete for your allegiance?

In today's world, how can we observe God's Sabbath principle (vv. 8-11)?

**Read Galatians 2:20-21** The law points out our need and Christ meets it. What does it mean to you to live in Christ?