WARM-UP QUESTION: Describe a time you were caught doing something wrong. What happened?

**READ:** Exodus 11:1–4; 12:12, 22–23

**FOCUS:** God's judgment comes to all people, but He has made the way out.

## **OBSERVE**

- The tenth plague—the death of the firstborn—applied to Egyptians and Israelites alike, foreshadowing that all people have sinned against a holy God and are subject to judgment.
- God gave the Israelites a new identity, not as slaves, but as free people. He established reminders of their history and identity through the Passover and its annual remembrance.
- The way out from the tenth plague was through the sacrifice of an innocent lamb. This sacrifice is
  necessary because the wages of sin is death, and the lifeblood of the lamb was offered on behalf of
  the people.
- Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. His sacrifice on the cross washes away our sins and puts us in right standing before God.

## **REFLECT**

- In light of God's holiness, are there areas in your life where the proper response is repentance?
- How have you seen God's mercy at work in your life? Do you feel compelled by God to extend the mercy you have received from Him to someone else today?
- How does the Israelites' history of the Passover bring new insight into what it means for Jesus to be the Lamb of God?

## **TAKE ACTION**

When we take communion as a church, remember the original Passover, Jesus' Last Supper and His sacrifice. Worship Him for the price He paid on the cross on your behalf.

## **PRAY**

Father, we worship You because You are holy. We are unworthy of You, but You sent Your Son, Jesus, so we can be in relationship with You. Thank You for extending Your love to all people. We pray that You empower us with Your Spirit to be effective witnesses to those around us. In Jesus' name. Amen.