WARM UP QUESTIONS: What do the words "judgment" and "deliverance" mean to you?

READ: Exodus 12:28-50

FOCUS: The Father's promised and purposeful deliverance requires a response from His Son.

OBSERVE:

Purpose of Judgment

God's judgment is fulfilled against the Egyptians. And God also delivered the Israelites from the curse
of death for their firstborn sons because they responded in obedience to the Lord's instructions for
deliverance. They sacrificed the Passover lamb in the place of their firstborn sons. The purpose for
the judgment includes freedom for Israel from Pharaoh and the freedom to worship God—to be in the
Father's house and be connected to the Father.

Promise of Deliverance

• In Genesis 15, God promised deliverance. In the text this week, that promise is fulfilled, with his people coming out with "great possessions" and as a blessing to others. The purpose of this deliverance is for Father God to keep His covenant with His people.

Deliverance Requires a Response

- After the Passover, God provides deliverance and His people initially respond. Then, in the
 wilderness the Israelites, called "the Firstborn Son," disobey the Father by crafting an idol out of the
 Egyptian gold. Then they must face God's judgment which comes to all who disobey, even His own
 people.
- However, the Father provides the perfect firstborn son, Jesus, to bring deliverance through His death on the cross. In the tenth plague, the lamb was slaughtered in place of the firstborn sons of Israel. The Father sent His perfect firstborn son to be the perfect Passover sacrifice.

We Must Respond to the Father's Deliverance

Our first response is to acknowledge that judgment has come and is coming to all individuals. But we
have an invitation to enter the Father's house. We are no longer outsiders because of what Jesus did
on our behalf (Ephesians 2:19-22). We can choose to believe in Jesus, the Passover Lamb, who
perfectly delivers us and brings us right standing in the Father's household.

REFLECT:

- In your life, what does it mean that God's deliverance requires a response? How does it look?
- How have you responded or how will you respond to God's deliverance?

TAKE ACTION:

• Take the time this week to speak with other believers and non-believers about God's deliverance in the book of Exodus and how it applies to us today.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness in fulfilling Your covenant with Israel. We praise You for allowing those who believe in Your Son and His death and resurrection to enter Your holy presence. Thank You for sending Jesus as our perfect Passover Lamb. We give You praise in Jesus' name, amen.