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Message Notes



## Milestones - Part 2 "Marked by Mercy"

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2. Rescue comes through \_\_\_\_\_, not concern or sincerity. (**Exodus 12:6-7**)
  - a. Our sin is not a \_\_\_\_\_ problem that is simply excused away.
    - i. Sin isn't just "brokenness," it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Sin always has a \_\_\_\_\_ cost. (**Romans 6:23**)
  - c. Rescue must be \_\_\_\_\_, not just acknowledged. (**1 Corinthians 5:7b**)
3. Salvation creates a new \_\_\_\_\_. (**Exodus 12:2-3, 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17**)
  - a. God gives Israel a calendar before He moves them geographically.
    - i. Salvation isn't just \_\_\_\_\_.
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**4.** God not only saves, but He teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Exodus 12:14; Luke 22:19-20)

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  - ii.** We forget \_\_\_\_\_ rescued us.
  - iii.** We forget how \_\_\_\_\_ we are.

As remembrance fades, so does \_\_\_\_\_.

### **MILESTONES MATTER:**

- Say 'YES!'
- Remember your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remember there is a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- Live like you are \_\_\_\_\_...because you are!

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you had the training, ability and resources to work any job you would like, what job would you choose and why?*

1. Read about the first Passover in **Exodus 11-13** together. This was THE pivotal moment that initiated God's rescue of His people from slavery in Egypt. What was the pivotal moment in God's rescue of you from slavery to sin?
2. Often, we seek to minimize sin by describing it with words like "mistake" or "brokenness". But Pastor Nate told us that sin is more than just brokenness, it is rebellion against God. Why should God, whom you rebelled against, choose to rescue you from the consequences of your sin?
3. When you say 'YES!' to Jesus, God's rescue creates a new "starting point" for your life (Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**). "Salvation isn't just escape", it's a whole new beginning! How will you use the new beginning and life you've been given?
4. God has always been big on memorials and remembering His acts of rescue (**Exodus 12:14,17** and **Luke 22:19-20**). Why is it important for you to remember all that God has done for you, and how do you make a point of doing it?
5. Have you rebelled against God? Do you find yourself in need of a new starting point in your life? Saying 'YES!' to Jesus' invitation to follow Him with no strings attached is the pivotal moment that initiates a whole new you – forgiven, free, and filled with God's Spirit. If you haven't yet applied His rescue to your life, what is keeping you from doing so?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

*Day One:* Luke 19; Psalm 2

*Day Two:* Numbers 35; Proverbs 28

*Day Three:* Hebrews 9; 1 Corinthians 1

*Day Four:* Philippians 1; Ezekiel 29

*Day Five:* Job 28; Acts 12



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