Exodus 12:43-13:16 Oct. 27/28

Dwell: Take a moment to think back through this passage. Make a note of any questions/reactions you have.

Dig: Quickly scan the passage and jot down any instructions you see that God gives about the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

- Why might God have given so many instructions? What might He be telling us?

2. Why do you think God says no foreigner should eat the Passover meal? What do you think that means? How does v. 48-49 help us?

3. What might the significance be that no bones of the lamb should be broken (v.46)? Consider John 19:32-37 on the back. What do you think this could be telling us about Jesus?

4. Read 13:2 and 15. What was to be consecrated to the Lord?*Adapted from Jen Wilkin

- Why do you think God wants the firstborn to be consecrated? Consider the definition of consecrate: *to make or declare sacred; to set apart or dedicate to the service of a deity.* *Adapted from Jen Wilkin

- Read Col. 1:15-20 on the back. Why might it be significant that Christ is the "firstborn of all creation"?

5. Why might "by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt" be repeated so many times in our text (13:9, 14, 16)? How might this inform our own testimonies?

6. What are you learning about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?

Deepen: How do you approach communion? Does it feel rote/regular or life giving/energizing? What would it look like to find yourself at the foot of the cross as Jesus bled and died each week?

2. Where are you trying to navigate life alone? How might you join in the fellowship of the church with your struggles?

3. Think about your testimony. Is it focused on all you've done (good and/or bad) or on what God has done? How might this passage affect how you tell your story to focus more on what God has done for you?

John 19:32-37 “So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness - his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth - that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: ‘Not one of His bones will be broken.’ And again another Scripture says, ‘They will look on Him whom they have pierced.’”

Colossians 1:15-20 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”