**Exodus – The Exodus**

**“The number of the people of the Exodus is huge. So huge in fact that it has tried the genius of exegetes throughout the centuries.” Carpenter**

***Exodus 12:37-42***

**Understanding the Large Numbers of the Exodus**

1. **The word for thousand is also translated clans in other parts of the Bible.**
2. **The numbers can be understood as hyperbole.**

**“Literate readers in this world would have been expecting this kind of writing. They would have understood exactly what is going on here.” Michael Heiser**

**The Consecration of the Firstborn**

***Exodus 13:1-16, Luke 2:22-24***

**Crossing the Red Sea**

***Exodus 13:17- Exodus 14, 1 Sam 7:10,***

**Take Aways:**

1. **God does not always lead us by the shortest, easiest route.**
2. **God is always with us, leading and guiding one step at a time.**

***Exodus 13:21-22***

***Isaiah 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”***

**Got Questions? Text 519-893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Share about your last couple weeks as you catch up with one another.
2. How has God been challenging you in your faith lately? Where has he been working in your life? Encouraging you?
3. How was your Easter weekend? What is something that you are thankful for as you think about the Easter story?
4. Sometimes it seems like we can become complacent about the Easter story. Do you agree with this or disagree? How can we safeguard ourselves so that our hearts burn with excitement as we hear the story?
5. Read Exodus 11-12:1-36 together. (it might be easier to break this into smaller sections and ask the first few questions)
6. What stands out to you in these passages?
7. What can we learn about God from this passage?
8. What questions does this chapter leave you with? What do you find challenging or perplexing about this passage?
9. This passage reveals 3 different practices the Israelites were to follow: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Consecration of the first born. As a group reflect on how these point back to the story of the Exodus but also point forward to the story of Christ.
10. How do the stories of the Passover and the Red Sea correspond to your own story of being drawn out of bondage to sin and your old nature and into new life in Christ?
11. How can reading a story like this deepen our gratitude for what Jesus has done?
12. Imagine you were an Israelite in this story. What sort of reaction do you think you would have to these events?
13. How do you think you would have responded when you looked up and saw the Egyptian army coming toward you?
14. Why is it hard to trust God even when he has rescued us and done so many incredible things?
15. Which take away resonated most with you this week? Why? What can you do to apply that in your life?
16. Spend some time praying together to wrap up your LifeGroup this week.