Around the Table: A Taste of Passover



Dear Families,

We are excited for **Around the Table: A Taste of Passover** and hope that you and your family will join us as we engage in the rich tradition of Passover!

Mealtimes can be simple yet transformative opportunities to engage our families in conversations that matter. It's no wonder God instructed His people to observe holy days (or feasts) that centered around worship and sacrifices and prioritized gathering around the table for a meal. The people of Israel were instructed to use these feasts and holidays as opportunities to tell their children the stories of God's faithfulness. They were opportunities for families to experience God's wonder together, and they were a part of God's plan for passing on faith from generation to generation. One such feast is the Passover, and that is what we will focus on throughout the Around the Table event. During the Around the Table event, families will participate in a broad, immersive retelling of the Passover story, which also engages some of the practices of a traditional Seder meal.

Passover is the Jewish holiday that commemorates the Exodus of the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt and remembers how God protected His people from the final plague, passing over their houses and sparing the lives of their firstborn sons. The Jewish people have been observing Passover together since it was established in Exodus 12–13. Jesus celebrated the Passover with His family and His Jewish community and eventually, with His disciples. It is at the Passover meal where we find Jesus sharing with His disciples what is commonly referred to today as the "Last Supper" or the "Lord's Supper."

The Passover Seder is a ritual-rich meal in which each element of food and drink ties symbolically to the Exodus story. As followers of Jesus, whether Jewish or Gentile (non-Jewish), we are invited to the Passover Seder table as a way of remembering God's faithfulness throughout history and celebrating Jesus—the Lamb of God—whose death and resurrection make it possible for us to be part of God's family now and forever. Passover Seders help us connect more deeply with the redemption story we see repeated and woven throughout Scripture.

During Seder, much of the Passover story is explored through the questions of children and their parents' responses. So, as we engage in this taste of Passover, allow time for your children's questions; if you aren't sure of the answer, think through the possibilities together.

We pray that **Around the Table: A Taste of Passover** blesses your family and opens doors of conversation around the wonder of the redemption our King has secured for us!

Grace and Peace,

