

## **God's Community**

### **Exodus 12:37-3:2**

#### **1. Open Invitation vs. 37-41**

When the Israelites were freed from Egypt's slavery, other people groups were welcome to leave with them if they too were convinced that Yahweh is God by what they had witnessed.

Anyone who is convinced of the truth and places their faith in Jesus Christ becomes part of God's Community.

#### **Question:**

- i) How welcoming am I to those who would like to hear about the good news of Jesus?
- ii) Am I playing my part in welcoming new people to our church?

#### **2. Observed Distinctions vs. 42-51**

To be a part of God's Community, the Israelites and any foreigners must display their complete commitment to God through having their males in their family household circumcised so they too may partake in the Passover celebration.

To be a part of God's Community we must display our complete commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by living our lives according to His Word.

#### **Reflection:**

- iii) Describe the distinctions that the world would notice in you that would cause them to conclude that you are a follower of Christ.

#### **3. Ongoing Belonging 3:1-2**

The ritual of consecrating every firstborn male was a symbolic declaration to all generations that because Yahweh is their deliverer, God has laid a claim to the succeeding generations as His own.

Jesus being the firstborn Son of God, His death and resurrection is what redeems all those who are in Christ and they become children of God; co-heirs of Christ.

#### **Question:**

- iv) Why should the understanding, that anyone in Christ belongs to God, cause us to live with confidence?

#### **Conclusion:**

God's Community promotes an open invitation for others to join, obediently lives out Christ like distinctions, and to live with confidence that they belong to God as one of His children.