

Divine
"Bread Crumb"
Trails



Week 2: The Blood

Welcome

LIFE GROUP COMPETITION!!!! Have someone set a timer for 30 seconds and make sure everyone has some paper and a pen. Once the timer begins, write down as many red things as you can (e.g., strawberries, stop signs, etc.). Whoever names the most wins! (PS, the group can vote on any “questionable” red items that were listed).

Worship

Sing or listen to worship song together that focuses on the blood of Jesus, such as “Nothing but the Blood” or “Jesus Paid It All.” Discuss the meaning of the lyrics and pray.

Word

Read *Exodus 12:1-30*.

1. In modern culture, how do people attempt to “atone” for their mistakes apart from Jesus? (examples include self-help, good deeds, therapy, etc.)

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2. The phrase “The blood will be a sign for you” (*Exodus 12:13*) is central to this passage. The act of placing blood on the doorposts is described as a demonstration of faith. Why do you think God required this specific act? How does this relate to faith and obedience in the New Testament?

3. What are the modern equivalents of “placing the blood on the doorposts” in our spiritual lives? How do we actively display faith in God’s provision today?

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4. In the video, Abe talked about yeast. What does **1 Corinthians 5:7** say about yeast and what does it mean?

5. Compare **Exodus 12** with **John 1:29** and **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**. How does Jesus fulfill the role of the Passover lamb?

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6. If the Israelites had refused to apply the blood to their doorposts, they would not have been saved. Are there areas in your life where you intellectually accept Jesus' sacrifice but haven't personally applied His redemption to your heart and actions?

7. Read **Romans 3:23-26** and **Hebrews 9:11-14**. How does Jesus' blood function differently from the blood of animals in the Old Testament sacrificial system? What does this teach us about the sufficiency of Christ's atonement?

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Witness

Sometime during this series, do an outreach as a Life Group! Try to brainstorm some project ideas that your group could do together. Whatever your project is, let people know that you are from Shepherd Church! Decide on an idea and date before leaving the Life Group. You can choose a project organized by *Shepherd Go* or you can do your own project. Some other group project ideas include:

- Host a free thrift store/garage sale
- Organize a spa day for single pregnant moms
- Hosting an onsite coffee shop (with music, spoken word, etc.)
- Offer free babysitting for 2-3 families so the parents can have a date night
- Offer free a seminar (topics could include mental health, financial advice, etc.)
- Host a neighborhood block party or a neighborhood movie night
- Choose someone who lives on the street of one of your group members, needs to know about Jesus' love, and make a plan to spoil that person
- Select a school, local fire station, local police or sheriff's station, and make a plan to spoil that place
- Do yardwork and/or house work for someone who is hurting and needs to hear that Jesus loves them
- Start a 3-5-week book club for people in your community
- Try to visit a nursing home to minister to the residents (you'll need to get permission from the nursing home)
- Create a 3-5-episode podcast on a topic that will help people
- Do a fundraiser that raises money for Shepherd Church missionaries
- Commit to going on a short-term mission trip or local outreach trip as a Life Group
- Go to a laundry mat, and spend the morning or afternoon paying for people's laundry (you'll need to get permission from the laundry mat)
- Go to a gas station and spend the morning or afternoon contributing some money to different people so it's easier for them to fill up their tank (you'll need to get permission from the gas station)
- Organize a prayer walk in the neighborhood of a Life Group member
- Partner with a local charity

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Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize ***Ephesians 1:7***.
- Read ***Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19***.
 - How do these passages describe the role of Jesus' blood in our redemption and forgiveness?
 - Why is blood necessary for the forgiveness of sins? (See ***Hebrews 9:22***.)
 - How does the understanding that Jesus' blood has fully redeemed us impact how we live?
 - What are ways we sometimes struggle to fully embrace the forgiveness that Jesus offers?
- Read ***Exodus 12:13; Romans 5:9; Revelation 12:11***.
 - In ***Exodus 12:13***, the blood was a sign for God's people. What does this teach us about how God views His people?
 - ***Romans 5:9*** says that we are justified by Jesus' blood. What does that mean in practical terms?
 - ***Revelation 12:11*** says believers "overcame [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." How does Jesus' blood give us victory in spiritual battles?
 - In what ways should our lives reflect that we are marked by Jesus' blood?
 - Are there any areas where you still struggle to believe in the full power of Christ's sacrifice?
 - Identify one or two ways in which Jesus' blood has transformed your life.
- Study the power of Jesus' blood in your life. Read ***Luke 22:19-20; Hebrews 8:6-13; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6; 1 John 1:7-9***.
 - In ***Luke 22:20***, Jesus speaks of His blood as the "new covenant." What does this mean?
 - How is the new covenant better than the old covenant? (***Hebrews 8:6-13***)
 - What does it mean to be a minister of the new covenant (***2 Corinthians 3:5-6***)?
 - How should we live differently knowing we are part of this covenant?