

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of February 11-17, 2024

## “GOD AND YOUR RED SEA”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is your dream vacation destination? Why?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Exodus 13:17-14:31.**

1. What was God's reason for leading the Israelites through a different route (13:17)? Wouldn't God have protected them even if they faced war? Have you ever experienced God leading you on a "longer" or more difficult path than you expected? Why do you think would God do that?
2. Imagine yourself among the Israelites leaving Egypt. What emotions do you think you would experience? Would seeing the visible "pillar of cloud and fire" mean anything to you? What lessons or principles does this teach us on how God leads?
3. Even after witnessing God's plagues, the Israelites feared and doubted. Do you ever struggle with trusting God, even after experiencing blessings and faithfulness? How does Moses' response to their fear and doubt compare to your own approach to challenging situations?
4. *"If the Lord is to get the glory, he must do the fighting"* (cf Exodus 14:17). What is the practical significance of this statement when it comes to facing the Red Sea moments of life? Can you share a time that you, by faith "stood still" and let God handle the situation?
5. Reflect on the timing of God's deliverance in Exodus 14. Why do you think God waited until the last moment to rescue the Israelites? How does waiting on God's timing challenge your faith and trust in him?

6. What does this passage teach you about remembering who God is? What are some practical ways that you incorporate "remembering" into your life?

### NEXT STEPS

*"The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14:14 NIV)*

- ☐ I will trust that God has a way out even when I am facing dead-end situations.
- ☐ I will learn to follow God's leading and not doubt his wisdom.
- ☐ I will practice "remembering" who God is and what he has done.
- ☐ I will cultivate a heart of surrender, standing still and giving the Lord the free hand to move.
- ☐ *Don't forget to:*
- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for the faith to stand still and trust in God's sovereignty.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

February 12 Exodus 4:21-31

February 13 Exodus 5

February 14 Exodus 6:1-13

February 15 Exodus 7-10

February 16 Exodus 11:1-10

February 17 Exodus 12:1-32

February 18 Psalms 136