

Home Group Questions

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Exodus 13-14

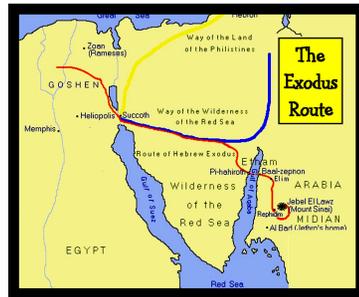
NAVIGATING THROUGH A CRISIS!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the life of Moses. God worked through Moses to free 2 million people from slavery in Egypt by bringing 10 plagues upon the Egyptians. God's not done demonstrating His power. Moses quickly faces another crisis as they are leaving Egypt, but God will fight for them again in a phenomenal way!!

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Evidence for the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea has been surfacing over the last few years as described in the Bible. Discuss that evidence and the encouragement it is to know that archaeology consistently supports the truth of God's Word.



2. Read Exodus 14:10-31. This is an amazing account of the power of God and His judgment against Pharaoh. God completes His judgment against the Egyptians at the Red Sea as the armies of Egypt are destroyed. (Remember that the Jews had suffered for 400 years as slaves and had experienced atrocities against them). Discuss your thoughts and insights into this amazing miracle that God performed.

Read Romans 9:14-25. Paul drives home the point that God is God, and we are not. He ultimately will do what is right and just according to His plan.

What are the points that Paul makes in this passage to address the accusation that God is unjust? (What is the significance of

the phrase "What if..." in verse 22? Hint: Paul gives a scenario that doesn't exactly describe how God works, because we never will fully understand His ways, but still drives home the point that God is God.)

3. Pastor Mel shared principles from this event in the life of Moses to help us navigate through crises in our lives:

1. God's leading can often conflict with what our human nature (and "wisdom") desires. Exodus 14:1-2

This principle can be difficult, but it does highlight that God doesn't always steer us away from problematic situations.

Read Luke 4:1-13. Jesus was led by the Spirit into wilderness where Jesus was tempted. Why do you think Jesus was led by the Spirit into this situation? What can we learn from this passage in Scripture?

2. God's agenda should always supercede my agenda (and comfort). Exodus 14:3-4

Although this incident at the Red Sea would be frightening for the Jews, God ultimately did gain glory through this. What are ways in which we can bring glory to God in our lives when we face difficult situations? Share a time in your life when you might have felt confused in the midst of the struggle but now, looking back, you can see how God used those trials for His glory.

3. God's priority for us is to rely on Him above fearing our enemy. Exodus 14:10-14

Many of the Jews grumbled and complained when they saw the enemy. Read Ephesians 6:10-13. What are some principles we need to have as we face spiritual forces that are against us?

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray for strength in crises that you face to keep your eyes on the Lord as you trust Him and obey Him through the trial.