



Exodus - Freedom Feels Risky

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Read: Exodus 14:11-15:2

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever known that something needed to change, but found yourself wanting to stay where you were because it felt familiar?

The Israelites had finally been set free from slavery in Egypt. Yet when they found themselves trapped between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea, they immediately wanted to go back. Egypt had been painful, but it was predictable. Freedom felt uncertain and risky.

As followers of Jesus, we can sometimes find ourselves doing the same thing. God calls us forward into growth, healing, obedience and faith, but the familiar can often feel safer than the unknown. This passage reminds us that freedom is not just about leaving the old life behind. It is about learning to trust God with what comes next.

INTO THE WORD

As the Israelites stood at the edge of the Red Sea, fear quickly replaced faith. Instead of remembering God's power and provision, they focused on the danger in front of them. Moses responded with a powerful reminder: "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (Exodus 14:14).

Question 1: What does the Israelites' reaction in Exodus 14:11-12 reveal about the way fear can distort our perspective?

Question 2: Moses tells the people to trust God before they can see the solution. What does this teach us about the nature of biblical faith?

GOING DEEPER

One of the key themes in this passage is that Israel was out of Egypt, but Egypt was not yet out of them. God had rescued them physically, but they still needed to learn to trust Him with their future.

Many of us can identify our own “Egypt”. They may be old habits, unhealthy patterns, bitterness, comfort, control, fear, or areas where God is calling us into something new. Often the greatest obstacle to freedom is not what God has rescued us from, but our desire to return to what feels familiar.

After God parts the sea and delivers His people, fear turns into worship. Exodus 15 begins with a song of praise because the people can finally see what God was doing all along.

Question: Where might God be asking you to trust Him before you can see the outcome, and what would obedience look like in that situation?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for being faithful even when we cannot see the way forward. Forgive us for the times we allow fear to pull us back toward what is familiar rather than trusting You with what is next. Give us courage to follow where You lead, confidence in Your promises, and eyes to recognise Your faithfulness. Help us live in the freedom You have given us through Christ and respond with lives of worship and obedience. Amen.