

The Red Sea Rules
Exodus 14:1-15:2
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Connect:

- 1) Share one or two words that describe your past week. Why did you choose those words?
- 2) Share one or two words that describe your heart this past week. Why did you choose those words?

Discuss:

*We thought it would be helpful to have all of the 10 rules and the passages that related in front of you to help you for you study and discussion. You will notice that there are questions for each rule also. Feel free to pick and choose what your group wants to cover.

1. Realize that God means for you to be where you are.

Exodus 14:1-2: Then the LORD said to Moses, Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.

- a. Where does God have you now that is challenging or stretching you?

2. Be more concerned for God's glory than for your own relief.

Verse 4: And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them; and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.

- b. Share an example of someone whom you saw be more focused on glorifying God through a situation than gaining relief from it.
- c. How does one grow the desire and focus of being more concerned with God being glorified than for their own relief in a challenging situation?

3. Acknowledge your enemy but keep your eyes on the Lord.

Verses 9-10: The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army and overtook them encamped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly.

- d. How are the two following statements different?
 - You can focus on the problem and acknowledge the Lord.
 - or
 - You can focus on the Lord and acknowledge the problem.

4. Pray.

Verse 10b: *And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD...*

- e. How do you feel about your prayerfulness in life right now?

5. Don't be afraid. Stay calm and confident and give God time to work.

Verses 13-14: *And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

- f. What are some truths we need to remember and be convinced of about God that can drive out our fears, keep us calm in the midst of storms, and develop patience? *share some passages/promises from Scripture God brings to mind.

6. When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith.

Verse 15: *The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward."*

- g. What is the next logical step God wants you to take so you can move forward through the challenge you are currently facing? How will you actively trust Him as you take it?

7. Envision God's enveloping presence.

Verses 19-20: *Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night....*

- h. How would you help someone who is struggling to sense God's presence in their tough situation?

8. Trust God to deliver in his own unique way.

Verses 21-22: *Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left....*

- i. When was a time God delivered you from something in a way you were not expecting?

9. View your current crisis as a faith-builder for the future.

Verses 30-31: *Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.*

- j. Share how God used past experiences to grow your faith.
- k. How is God using your current situation to build your faith?

10. Don't forget to praise Him.

Exodus 15:1-2: *Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God and I will praise him, my father's God and I will exalt him.*

- l. What do you want to praise God for right now?
- m. Does your praise often overflow from you heart and allow others to see and Praise God for his grace as well? How could it this week, even at church?