



EXODUS CHAPTERS 13-14 (STUDENT)

Discussion Starter

- What are some things that you have difficulty remembering? What do you do to help you remember?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Exodus 13:1-22)

- Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Exodus 13:1-16

- What is the very first thing that God commands the Israelites to do after He brings them out of Egypt and why is this significant?
- Notice that the eating of unleavened bread for seven days for the Israelites was never intended to just be a routine that they observed. Rather, it was intended to be a reminder, a celebration, and a memorial of who God was and what He did.
 - Is there anything in your relationship with God that has become routine in a negative sense? In other words, it's easy for you to just go through the motions rather than living the substance and meaning of what's behind the routine?
- Notice in verses 14-16 that the story of God redeeming the Israelites was intended to be discussed, highlighted, remembered, and celebrated. It was never intended



to be something that just happened with life going on in the same ways as before. Consider the following questions in light of this.

- What stories do you intentionally tell about Jesus on a daily basis?
- What space and time do you make to tell those stories?
- With whom do you share what Jesus is doing in your own life and what He wants to do in the lives of everyone?

Exodus 13:17-22

- Notice that God led the Israelites through a longer route in order to protect them. Why is this significant and what does this mean for you and me today?

Exodus 14:1-12

- After all that the Israelites had seen and experienced, how do you explain their response in verses 10-12? How are you and I similar to the Israelites?
 - What old thought patterns and behaviors is it easy for you to default to because of your lack of faith and trust in God?

Exodus 14:13-31

- In what ways do you need to more fully live out Exodus 14:14?
- Notice what God says about Himself in Exodus 14:18 about knowledge of Him and His own glory. Why is what God says here important for us to understand and live today?
- What is significant and funny about God telling Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea? How does this apply to you and me today?

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?



- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Exodus 16-17)



EXODUS CHAPTERS 13-14 (FACILITATOR)

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- What are some things that you have difficulty remembering? What do you do to help you remember?

Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

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Exodus 13:1-16

- What is the very first thing that God commands the Israelites to do after He brings them out of Egypt and why is this significant?
 - God commands the Israelites to consecrate (to set apart and devote) the firstborn of absolutely everything (whether human or animal), it didn't matter. This is incredibly significant because God desired that His people celebrate and remember Him and what He was doing and would do. It wasn't about the people's strength or power and God wanted them to understand, celebrate, and remember this.
- Notice that the eating of unleavened bread for seven days for the Israelites was never intended to just be a routine that they observed. Rather, it was intended to be a reminder, a celebration, and a memorial of who God was and what He did.



- Is there anything in your relationship with God that has become routine in a negative sense? In other words, it's easy for you to just go through the motions rather than living the substance and meaning of what's behind the routine?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice in verses 14-16 that the story of God redeeming the Israelites was intended to be discussed, highlighted, remembered, and celebrated. It was never intended to be something that just happened with life going on in the same ways as before. Consider the following questions in light of this.
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Exodus 13:17-22

- Notice that God led the Israelites through a longer route in order to protect them. Why is this significant and what does this mean for you and me today?
 - God knew and understood what was going to be best for His people. He understood what they could endure and also saw a much bigger picture than they did. While a longer route after everything the people went through may not have made sense to anyone else, what mattered most was what God knew. God was protecting His people, but He was also equipping them.
 - For you and me today, we do not see the bigger picture that God does but it is important for us to remember that God always has our best interests at heart, even when we do not see, understand, or like the path that He has us take.



Exodus 14:1-12

- After all that the Israelites had seen and experienced, how do you explain their response in verses 10-12? How are you and I similar to the Israelites?
 - The Israelites were consumed and terrified by what they could see rather than trusting what God had already done and said. Their faith walk with God was an ongoing process, a work in progress and it was easy for them to default to previous thought patterns and behaviors. In many ways, we are EXACTLY like the Israelites. We find ourselves being crippled by fear of what we can see and what we are experiencing rather than being inspired and motivated by what God has already done and is doing.
 - What old thought patterns and behaviors is it easy for you to default to because of your lack of faith and trust in God?
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Exodus 14:13-31

- In what ways do you need to more fully live out Exodus 14:14?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice what God says about Himself in Exodus 14:18 about knowledge of Him and His own glory. Why is what God says here important for us to understand and live today?
 - It is easy for us to forget that the lives that we are privileged to live today aren't about making us known. Rather, the lives that we are privileged to live today are supposed to be about making Him known and showing His glory. The story of Exodus isn't primarily about the Israelites. Rather, it is a story about God, a story of God's incredible power and ability to redeem the people that He loves. This story still holds true today. God passionately loves all of humanity and He has gone to the greatest lengths to demonstrate this love.
- What is significant and funny about God telling Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea? How does this apply to you and me today?



- God didn't need Moses to stretch out anything to do what He wanted. Rather, God chose Moses and used Moses. For you and me, it should be humbling and inspiring to know that God doesn't need us. He chooses to use us, which is absolutely beautiful and amazing, but He doesn't need us to accomplish His purposes.

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