

# ***From Slavery to Freedom***

Exodus study guide #7

lead up to Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

## **Digging into Exodus 13:17-15:21**

1. Read Exodus 13:17-14:31 together as a group and then share your initial observations & responses.
  - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention?
  - What parts surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?
2. In this story, it's fair to say that right on the heels of the most incredible experience of God's powerful deliverance, God led Israel into a 'trap' in order that he might show his own glory.
  - How do we feel about this motive on God's part?
  - How does this give us perspective on the difficulties of our own lives and shared life?
3. When was the last time we found ourselves feeling like the Israelites did in this story – so despairing the trial of the present that we forget the saving hand of our God in our past?  
Think of an experience in your own life.
  - What was going on? And how did you respond?
  - What did you learn through this experience?
4. Read again Ex 14:13-14 in a few translations.
  - Have we ever found ourselves in a challenging situation and sensed God inviting us simply to be still and trust that He will fight for us?
    - How would this command have felt for the Israelites?
    - How has this felt for you?
5. Why is it good that God acts for the sake of his glory, rather than in response to our merit?
6. Where do we need to open our eyes to the truth and reality of God and find hope for God's saving grace?
  - What could we do to open our eyes to God?
  - How could we help one another live with our eyes open to God?

**WRAP UP:** In a word or phrase, what in tonight's story most significantly lingers with you?

**PRAY:** *Take a few minutes to pray together in the light of God's revelation in this part of the Exodus story. Pray for one another in the places where we are tempted to lose sight of God's sufficiency.*