



## CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

### CG WK 12 The Whole Story God Made A Way Exodus 14-15

#### Overview:

Have you ever been in a situation where it felt like there was no way forward, but somehow God made a way? Share what happened.

*In Exodus 14, the Israelites find themselves trapped — Pharaoh's army is chasing them from behind, and the Red Sea is blocking their path. From their perspective, there was no way out. But God made a way where there was no way. He parted the waters, delivered His people, and destroyed their enemies.*

*Exodus 15 is their response — a song of worship. God not only brought them out of Egypt, but He also began the longer process of getting Egypt out of them — teaching them to live free, trust Him, and walk as His people.*

*This story points us forward to Jesus. Just as God made a way through the Red Sea, Jesus made the Way through the cross and resurrection. He delivers us not only from the penalty of sin but also from the power of sin that still clings to us. Salvation is both freedom from Egypt and freedom from Egypt's hold on our hearts.*

**Based off Exodus 14-15 here are 7 ways that God provides for us to walk in freedom:**

#### **1. Obedience (Exodus 14:1-4)**

- Why do you think obedience is often the hardest step in following Jesus?
- Sometimes God tells us to do things that just don't make sense however there is a purpose in it. What was the purpose of the Israelites turning back towards Pharaoh's army?
- God has pulled everyone of us out of Egypt. How is God wanting to use your story for His glory?

#### **2. Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus (Exodus 14:10)**

- The Israelites looked at Pharaoh's army instead of God's power. What are some "armies" from your past or present that distract you from Jesus?
- In what ways can we lift our eyes higher (Psalm 121, Hebrews 12:2)?

#### **3. Prayer (Exodus 14:10-12)**

- When you get caught up in sin or temptation, what is your first response?
- Israel was physically free but still longed for Egypt (Ex. 14:11–12). Why do people often prefer the *familiar bondage* of sin instead of the *unknown freedom* of obedience?

#### **4. Remembering God's Faithfulness (Exodus 14:10-14)**

- Israel quickly forgot God's miracles. Where do you need to "remember" God's work in your life?
- Share one testimony of God's faithfulness in your life?

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### **5. Repentance (Exodus 14:15)**

- What does it mean to repent? How is this different from saying “i am sorry”?
- Read Acts 3:19. What do “times of refreshing” look like for a believer?
- What patterns or “Egypts” do you find hardest to leave behind?

### **6. Community (Exodus 14:27-31)**

- Why is it important that Israel crossed the Red Sea together and not one by one?
- Who is walking with you in your faith?
- Who are you walking with?
- As believers we have to remember that people are the mission. The only thing we can take to heaven with us is other people. Who is one person that you can intentionally invite to church, to connect group or share the Gospel with?

### **7. Worship (Exodus 15:1)**

- Chapter 15 shows Israel worshiping after their deliverance. How is worship a response to freedom?
- What does it look like for you to worship not just *about* God but *to* God?

### **Application Challenge**

This week, take one of the 7 Ways God Made for Freedom and put it into practice:

- Obey God in one specific area.
- Fix your eyes on Jesus daily.
- Cry out to God in prayer about your struggles.
- Write down 3 ways God has been faithful.
- Repent — turn away from one sin and turn to Jesus.
- Reach out to someone in community.
- Worship intentionally (sing, pray, journal, declare).

### **Announcements:**

Baptism Sunday 8/31/2025

