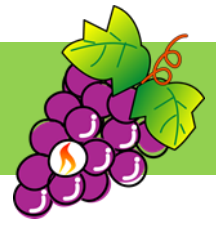




LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 3rd November 2024



Exodus 14:1-14

God doesn't believe in no win scenarios

Warm Up

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt totally helpless, lost or out of control and felt there was no solution? How did you feel? How did you react? If you are able, share a story.

Background and context

Last Sunday we celebrated the work of CAP releasing people from debt. It is so good to know that there is a way out of seemingly impossible situations if the right help is sought. In our passage today, the Israelites are in trouble. God has rescued them from slavery but they are now surrounded by trouble—the Egyptian army. It seems hopeless and they want to give up until God steps in and tells them to be still, He will fight for them! He rescues them in dramatic fashion.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ Exodus 14: *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?*

1. Read v11-12. Why do you think the Israelites reacted this way having just experienced God's awesome power with the plagues and Passover?
2. Read v 13-14. What is the difference between Moses and the rest of the Israelites?
3. Why do you think Moses can have such a different response?
4. What can we learn from Moses' reaction? Are we more like Moses or the Israelites?
5. What are the kind of hopeless situations or sins do people find themselves stuck in today?
6. How do people sometimes try to "escape"? Why does this not work?
7. The Egyptians, the Sea and Moses are all 'pictures' or symbols. What do you think they represent?
8. Discuss how crossing the Red Sea is a picture of salvation.

Discipleship and Application



9. What might you say to someone trapped by debt or a habitual sin that might help them see the need for salvation and rescue?
10. What is there in your own life that you need to escape from? Pray it through with the Lord. If you feel able, share your concern with a trusted friend.

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.