

Exodus 14:1-4; Exodus 14:9-15; Psalm 18:16; Psalm 18:19

1. Dead end

God can take what looks like a dead end and turn it into a new beginning.

2. Delay

Exodus 14:13-14

Just because you see deep waters doesn't mean you're going to drown.

3. Direction

Exodus 14:15 (NIV)

What direction is God giving you right in the middle of a disruption?

Psalm 91:1-2; Psalm 91:14-16

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

God can use a disruption in life to give us new direction.

Open Up:

How are you noticing closeness to neighbors, family, or friends in a different way in this season?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What if God wanted to use this all for good in our personal lives, our country, and our world? What could some of the possible outcomes be?
- ▶ Like the Israelites, we often prefer what is familiar to what could be. What are some tactics we can use to embrace "what could be" for our future rather than focusing on wishing things would go back to normal?
- ▶ Read Exodus 14:13-14.
 - What would it look like for God to fight for you in this season?
 - What is one way you can "just stay calm" today that would invite/allow God to fight for you?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

What are some of the dead ends or delays you are dealing with right now?

Read Exodus 14:15. What specifically does it mean for you to "move on," in other words, what is the next step you can take to follow the direction God is giving you right in the middle of this disruption?

Pray:

Ask God to give us a vision of where He is taking us to and courage to face today with calm trust.