

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Who Is Like You, O Lord?

EXODUS 14:1-15:21

OVERVIEW

God's chosen people are in Egypt. Not only that, they are enslaved. Against the backdrop of God's promises in Genesis—that God's people would be in God's place—the current situation seems dire. Has the Lord forgotten his promises? The story of Exodus reveals God's faithfulness in redeeming his people from bondage into his presence. The way out? Not by human might. By faith in God's promise to deliver through a blood sacrifice. The Lord does all of this so that all people might know he is the Lord and his people might rightly fear him, worshipping him in all things. The Greek title for the book (or shall we say, this chapter of the Pentateuch) is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit, departure or going out."

APPLY // EXODUS 7-13

Main Idea: The Lord wants everyone to know he is the Lord and there is no other, so he delivers his people by his might and grace, as they take shelter under the blood of a substitute.

1. Keeping the text of Exodus 7-13 in mind...
2. How can we learn about what repentance should look like from Pharaoh's false confessions of sin?
3. How do these plagues give us insight into the LORD and the fact that there is no one like him (Exodus 8:10)?
4. Looking at the elements of the Passover, how do they show you your need for Christ and how do they show you the love of Christ?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // EXODUS 14-15

Main Idea: To get glory over Pharaoh, the Lord delivers his people and they respond in song.

1. Summarize what's happened so far in the book of Exodus in a couple of sentences.
2. Read Exodus 14.
3. Why does God tell Moses to encamp in an area where they seem to be "shut in."? How will following the Lord's direction ultimately glorify God?
4. According to verse 4 and verse 17, what is the Lord's motive in the events that unfold in chapter 14?
 - a. What does it mean "I will get glory over Pharaoh"?
 - b. What is the Lord's glory?
 - c. How does he get glory through chapter 14?
 - d. NOTE: We've previously discussed the hardening of Pharaoh's heart (see chapter 4). Remember, the Lord is only strengthening what is already in Pharaoh's heart, not coercing him to do something he doesn't want to do.

5. Summarize verses 5-7. What happened once Pharaoh had time to reflect on the fact that his slaves had all left? Given all they've experienced through the plagues (chapters 7-13), what how does this inform our view of these Egyptians?
6. In verses 10-12, what do the people do? What is the response of the Israelites to seeing the entire Egyptian army coming after them? How does this compare to how they've acted in the previous chapters?
7. How does Moses respond in verse 13? What does it mean to "fear not"? What does it mean to "stand firm"? What's the significance that Israel is to only "see" and "be silent"? How does this relate to the Lord's purpose to get glory?
8. In verse 19, what does the angel of the Lord, as represented by the pillar of cloud, do? What's the significance of this?
9. Discuss what happens to Israel in verses 21-22, 29. What does this tell us about the character of the Lord?
10. Discuss what happens to the Egyptians in verses 23-28. What does this tell us about the character of the Lord?
11. Verse 30 says, "The Lord saved Israel that day." How does Israel respond in verse 31?
 - a. Notice here they "fear the Lord." What does this mean and how is it different than being told to "fear not" in verse 10?
12. Read chapter 15:1-21.
13. How does Israel respond? What do you notice about their song?
14. How do these events prepare us for and point us to Jesus?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Encourage one another with God's evident grace.