

# DEUCES | Exodus 14 | Leaders Notes

Main Idea: God shows His care for His people by revealing Himself

## Context:

- Exodus 12:33-42
- Map of journey- not going way of philistines

## Discovery:

- Each pod will receive a section of Exodus 14 to learn about
  - Here are some guiding questions for each section
  - MS- 14:1-9
    - Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? – v. 4- God
    - Who did Pharaoh take out to chase the Israelites? – v. 6-7- His whole army, 600 best chariots and other chariots.
      - I think Pharaoh taking basically his whole army to chase the Israelites is done by the Lord in order to bring destroy the Egyptian army to bring full salvation to the Israelites.
  - FS- 14:10-20
    - What was the Israelites first reaction when they saw the Egyptians coming? – v. 10- they feared greatly
      - I think this is interesting that they seem to lose faith in God because the Egyptians were coming. Did they not think God would show up? How many times do we do this same thing?
    - What did God want to show the world within this section? – v. 18- God wanted to show His glory and power over the global power at the time.
  - JS- 14:21-31
    - What happened to the Egyptians forces? – v. 23-28- God destroyed the whole Egyptian army.
    - How did the Israelites react after they saw what God did to the Egyptians? – v. 31- They feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and Moses.

- This is an interesting perspective change from v. 10-11 to this verse. God had showed up in a big way, and this changed the Israelites hearts.
- I will go through each pod and ask to help summarize what went on so be prepared for that.

### Teaching:

- I will do an illustration over walking on a wet ground to help illustrate how amazing this miracle was that God did for the Israelites.

DQs [Discussion Questions]: I have 2 main questions here.

The first one is to get you going about how to define a miracle. The next question is really the key question in this time so spend a little bit of time on the first, and then really focus on the second. I am excited to hear what students say in the second question.

I have provided extra questions at the bottom. If you do not have much time left, please inform your pod about the announcements that are below.

- How would you describe what a miracle is?
  - Take answers here from all students. 'You tell me'! How would they describe a miracle? Do they have an example of a miracle from their life?
  - Oxford- a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.
- Why do you think we tend to trust miracles more than God's Word?
  - I believe the answer here will be we trust in miracles because it is what we see. When we see things with our own eyes, we can have some faith in it! Yes, it might be supernatural like God separating a sea, but we see the Israelites reaction come to a fear and belief in the Lord because of what He did.
  - Push here with the students to get their perspectives. We will be in smaller groups so push to have every student answer.

- This is what God has to say about believing in what we see:
  - John 20:29
    - Read v. 24-29- This is an exchange between Thomas and Jesus post-resurrection. Thomas doubts this is the actual resurrected Jesus. Jesus has Thomas touch His hands. What we can learn from v. 29, Jesus blesses those who do not see Him physically, and believe. We can have hope because we do not see Jesus physically, yet we believe in Him!
  - 1 Corinthians 1:22
    - This gives context to what Jews and Greeks were looking for in terms of faith. Jews sought signs, and we see this play out in our story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.
- Yes, it is easier for us to believe in things we see, no doubt. However, the Lord blesses those who do not see and believe! We have hope of believing in Jesus though we have never seen Him, His wounds, or His works.

### Other Questions if you have time:

- What is one thing that brings doubt about your belief in God?
  - This is a probing question to see if
- Is there something in your way of completely believing in God? If so, what is it? If you found the answer to this question, would this bring you to a belief in Jesus and what He did for you and me?

### Final Punch:

- I will speak on our main idea about how God has revealed Himself to the Israelites in this story, and also through us
- He has done this through Jesus. Jesus reveals the Father- John 14:6-11, Matthew 11:27
- Tying into last week, God has provided a way for salvation for the Israelites by delivering them from the Egyptians, and how He has revealed Himself through this salvation.

- God has also provided a way for our salvation by delivering us from the power of sin, and He has revealed Himself through this salvation through His son, Jesus.