

Sermon Series: God Makes a Way

Israel Crosses the Red Sea | Exodus 15:1-21

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of September 27th, 2026

OVERVIEW

After God brings Israel safely through the Red Sea and defeats Pharaoh's army, Moses and the Israelites respond by singing to the LORD. Their song celebrates not merely their escape from Egypt, but **the character and power of the God who saved them**. Miriam then leads the women in worship, repeating the central declaration of the song: *"Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted"* (v. 21).

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** What is a song—Christian or otherwise—that immediately brings back a particular memory for you? Why is it memorable? **Or** Do you play an instrument? If so, what do you play?

PRAYER

Pray: *Lord, help us remember Your salvation, worship You for who You are, and trust You to lead us wherever You take us next. Amen.*

BIBLE: READ EXODUS 15:1-21

1. What words or phrases does Israel use to describe what the LORD has done? What seems to be the main reason for their worship?
2. What do these verses teach us about God's power? How does the song describe the difference between Pharaoh's confidence and God's actual sovereignty?
3. In verses 11-13, Moses asks, *"Who among the gods is like you, LORD?"* What qualities of God are emphasized in these verses?
4. How does the song move from remembering what God has done to trusting what God will do? Why would remembering the Red Sea be important as Israel faced future enemies and uncertainties?
5. What is significant about Miriam and the women joining the celebration? Compare Miriam's words in verse 21 with the beginning of Moses' song in verse 1. What does this repetition emphasize?
6. Exodus 15 celebrates salvation after Israel has been rescued—they do not sing in order to be saved; they sing because God has saved them. How does this picture the relationship between grace and worship in the Christian life?

APPLICATION

1. The Israel deliberately puts God's saving work into a song that can be remembered and repeated. What practices help you remember what God has done when you enter a difficult season?
2. Israel could not yet see everything that lay ahead in the wilderness, but they could look back at the Red Sea and say, *"The LORD reigns for ever and ever"* (v. 18). What uncertain situation in your life requires you to remember God's past faithfulness and trust Him with what comes next?

