

Small Group notes: 30/09/18.

GOD SAVES (Exodus 14 verse 5-13)

Welcome

Today we are looking at how God saved the Israelites from an impossible situation. Share a time in your life when you faced seemingly impossible circumstances.

Worship

- Read Psalm 4 verses 6-8:

'Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

Let the light of your face shine on us.

Fill my heart with joy

when their grain and new wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, Lord,

make me dwell in safety.'

- Sing/Listen to '**Wonderful Lord**'

I listened to this song in my son's school harvest service this week. It is very simple but helps us remember the verse above from psalm 4 and the reality of God as our protector. Try to approach it with a child-like faith, reflecting on God's protection.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtRtvuQBBnc>

Word

- Why do you think Pharaoh decided to pursue the Egyptians after all the warnings and trouble the Egyptians had experienced during the plagues?
- What was the Israelites' reaction when they saw the Egyptian army?
- How do we react when life doesn't go the way we expect?
- Moses says to the people: 'the Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still.' What do you think he means?

-How can being still before God help us in times of difficulty?

- What does this look like in practice?

- What do you think was going through Moses' mind when God told him to use his staff to part the waters? (How might it have helped him to have seen God's faithfulness in the past?)
- How can we draw on God's faithfulness in the bible and in our own lives and the lives of other Christians to help us follow God with similar boldness?
- Have you ever been in a situation when God's guidance to you has seemed absurd at the time but has then proved to be the right course of action? How do we hear God speak? (scripture, prayer, other Christians etc)

Witness

Think of a time when someone else's story of God's protection and deliverance has encouraged, uplifted or inspired you – are there similar stories from our own lives which we could share with those around us who are searching for God?

Pray for the results of the Encounter service on Sunday. Pray that it would help those who haven't been to church before to encounter God in a fresh way.

