



SDG Discussion Guide

Exodus 15 October 29, 2017

As time permits, read aloud Exodus chapter 15 in your group, taking turns as you can. Make note of what points and questions are raised for you for your following discussion.

For starters:

How do you celebrate a long-awaited goal or unexpected victory? Or how do you prefer to celebrate any substantive occasion?

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the respective text.)

1. What was the cause for breaking into song? Who was the victor? The villain? The results?
2. What inner motivations seem to characterize the “enemy” (vv 9-10)?
3. What main idea does each stanza of this song reinforce (see 14:4)?
4. In celebrating the defeat of one opponent, who do they serve notice to (vv 13-18)? What will their great God do next?
5. How do God’s apparently violent actions (vv 3-8) square with his unfailing love (v 13)?
6. What points or questions does the Exodus passage raise for you? Take plenty of time to discuss these in your group.
7. What miracle has God done for you that you could sing or be sorrowful about? What song can you think of that best fits a victory God has accomplished in your life?
8. What common victories do the people in your group share? What song, refrain or individual stanza could your group name as its “victory” song?

How can your group pray for each other? Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. Listen and pray as he leads you.

*These questions were adapted from The Serendipity Bible for Groups (Zondervan, 1998).