Through the Water: Community Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Exodus 14:10–31

Big idea: The Lord will bring us through the water.
When God brings us to a dead end, the way out is through, with Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Father, thank you for meeting us here. Help us listen to each other and to your Word. Give us honesty about where we are, and show us how to trust you in it. In Jesus' name, amen.

Discussion Questions

1. **Feeling stuck:** In the sermon, Israel is trapped between Pharaoh's army and the sea, and they panic. Think of a time you felt cornered, when you couldn't go around or under a problem. What did you do first? What do you wish you had done?
2. **Honest prayer:** The people cried out to God, and they also complained to Moses. Is it okay to bring our fears and frustrations to God that bluntly? What does it look like to pray honestly when you're overwhelmed? How could our group support each other in that?
3. **Trust that grows on the way:** The sermon says Israel's trust came after they went through the sea, not before. How does that change how you think about trust? What is one step you can take this week, even if you don't feel confident yet?
4. **Walking with others:** The sermon mentions people facing cancer treatment, a parent's memory loss, and a friend with a debilitating illness. What are some practical ways we can walk alongside someone in a long, hard season? What helps, and what unintentionally makes things harder?
5. **The next step:** The sermon connects the Red Sea crossing to baptism as the start of following Jesus. Where are you in that journey? What would help you take a next step, whether that's the baptism process, a deeper habit, or helping someone else take theirs?

Closing Prayer

Lord, you led your people through the sea, and you walk with us through every dead end. Give each of us courage for the next step this week, and help us carry each other's burdens. We trust you, and we trust Jesus, the better Moses. Amen.