

“A Song of Joy & A Sign of Healing”

*Exodus 15*

Opening Question(s) – Choose (a) or (b)

- a) How do you celebrate a long-awaited goal or unexpected victory? What was the grandest celebration you had in recent memory?
- b) Do you have a favourite song? What memories and/or feelings does it evoke when you sing/hear it?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Exodus 15:1-21.** Why did Moses and Israelites break into song? Who was the victor? The villain? The results?
- 2) What “chorus” does this song begin and end with (v.1, 21)? Why?

Chariots and horsemen have been described as the “cutting-edge military technology” of the time. How did God show his superiority over Egypt (vv.1-10)?

- 3) What metaphors do Moses and the Israelites use to describe “my God” (vv.2-3,11)? Which one(s) do you find most surprising or meaningful? Why?
- 4) What thoughts and emotions do you think the Israelites experienced: (a) when Pharaoh was boasting about what he was going to do (v.9)? (b) when Pharaoh was defeated?

How should we handle the boasts, threats or accusations that Satan makes against us?

- 5) In celebrating the defeat of one opponent, who do they service notice to (vv.13-18)? What will their great God do next?
- 6) What is noteworthy about Miriam’s role in this celebration (vv.20-21)? Would you have rather been one of the songwriters? The singers? The musicians? The dancers?
- 7) **Read Exodus 15:22-27.** How can the people have turned from great fear, to great praise, to great grumbling so quickly?
- 8) Why hadn’t God led Israel to sweet water in the first place?
- 9) What was the point of this object lesson for Israel then? What implications does it have for us now?
- 10) Do you have something you want to praise and thank God for today? Something you want God to provide for or heal?