

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

(See the next page for questions for families/children)

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What's your favorite miracle in the Old Testament? Creation? Jonah and the big fish? Creation? The walls of Jericho falling down? Noah and the flood? Which is your favorite?
- Have you ever loosely referred to something as a miracle? What was it?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 14:13-31. In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us **how to experience God's power**.

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We Will Experience The Power Of God When We:**1. Fear not and believe God (Exodus 14:13)**

- "Sometimes what we see clouds what we know." - Skip Heitzig. Have there been times in your life when your eyes have deceived you from what you know to be true?
- Name a time you were fearful. What was the cause of your fear? How did you deal with it? Successfully? Unsuccessfully? Tell the story.

2. Stand firm and watch God (Exodus 14:13-14)

- Are you a courageous person? Why or why not?
- When it comes to standing and waiting for God to work, how do you typically react?

3. Be still and know God (Exodus 14:14b)

- Is it possible that God is trying to do something great in your life, but you're missing it because you've filled your life with noise? What can you do this week to STOP, and be still and know Him?

4. Go forward and experience God (Exodus 14:29-30)

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that God gives us a way of escape from temptation. When God opens up a way for you to escape, TAKE IT! Talk about a time when it was clear that God was giving you a way out of sin.
- Talk to your group about what you think it must have been like to walk through the Red Sea on dry land. Put yourself in the place of the Israelites. Tell the story from your perspective.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- God exerts His power to bring glory, and us, to Himself. Praise Him as a group for His power!



QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

How many miracles from the Bible can your family remember? Make a list. Can you think of 10? Or 25? Or 100? Or more?!?!?

What is a miracle? Can you come up with a definition as a family? Discuss the definition from Henry Morris of what a miracle is: "Something that is scientifically impossible, and yet happens anyway."

Take a field trip with your family this week to a creek or lake. Spend some time walking in the water and notice how walking through the water is more difficult than walking on dry land. Then talk as a family about the story of Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea and how God parted the water and allowed them to walk on dry ground.

Put some water in a 9x13 casserole dish. Using your hands, try to push the water to the side so the middle of the dish is dry. Is it easy to hold the water back? Talk about the miracle of God parting the sea with just the wind and holding it back while the Israelites safely crossed the sea.

Are you feeling fearful? Talk to your parents about your fears. How could God be working even if you can't see Him? What does Jesus have to say about fear in John 14:1 & 27? What does Job say about God in Job 23:8-10?

Do you desire to know God? Be still. Spend time reading the Bible every day.

When was a time when you stood your ground in your faith against opposition? Or a time when you should've and did not.

Has THE miracle taken place in your life? You can experience the miracle of salvation today!

This week's memory verse:

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Next week's verse:

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.