

Ice Breaker:

Share about a time when you were moving, or on a road trip, where you ran into unforeseen complications or something didn't quite go your way.

Read Exodus 14:5-12

These were people who were enslaved, witnessed all the plagues God promised Moses would come to pass, then were set free, and yet, they were still terrified. Do you think their feelings were justified and normal? Why or why not?

Read Exodus 14:12-14

How do you think the people felt about God's answer to them when they cried out?

What are some difficult transitions in peoples lives? Have you had any in your own life? Have you ever wanted to just "go back"?

We want a certain amount of control and comfort in our lives. But what if changing events don't come with comfort or control?

If we say "change is necessary" do you feel that is true? If so how come?

Deuteronomy 8:1-5**Look at verse 2**

In the OT the phrase "to know" has at least two meanings. Sometimes it meant simply knowledge, and sometimes it was a deep knowledge and intimacy with someone.

What do you think it means that God wants to "know" what's in your heart?

Can you accept yourself as you are and allow God to mold you?

What changes has the Jax church been going through (obvious and not so obvious)

Can God work through changes in a Church too? Does he do it in the same ways he works in changes in our lives?

Act 15:1-2 5-11

What does this passage say about God in verse 8? Does this sound similar to the passage we read in Deuteronomy where God "humbled and tested" them in order to "*know what was in their heart*"?

God does not change but he does call us to.

What has God revealed about your heart during this time of transition in our leadership?

Name some ways we can make these changes peacefully and with kindness? (Paul gave us some idea on Sunday morning.)