

**Small Group Guide: The Final Countdown – Part 2**  
**"He is My Salvation"                      January 31, 2026**

**Key Scripture Sources**

- Exodus 14:4; 15:1-18     - John 11:25-26     - 1 Peter 3:21
- Revelation 15:3-4     - Isaiah 12:2     - Psalm 118:14-17     - Matthew 1:21
- Luke 1:50-55

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think retelling the stories of the Bible is important for our faith? How does remembering God's past faithfulness help us trust Him in the present?

2. The message mentions that God took Israel on a longer path through the wilderness to shape and mature them. What "wilderness experiences" have shaped your faith? How did you see God provide during those times?

3. Read Exodus 15:2 together. What does it mean that "Adonai is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation"? How is salvation both a past event and a present experience?

4. The Children of Israel needed to witness miracles to learn to trust God. What are some ways you've experienced God's presence or provision in your own life? How did those experiences deepen your relationship with Him?

5. The message states: "The goal should be to become so strong in our faith that we will persevere to the end." What practical steps can we take to strengthen our faith during times when we don't feel God's presence as strongly?

6. How does fellowship with other believers help us see God at work? Share a time when another believer's testimony encouraged your faith.

7. The sermon connects Creation, the Flood, the Exodus, and our personal salvation as moments of renewal. How does understanding salvation as "renewal" rather than just "rescue" change your perspective?

8. Read John 11:25-26. Martha was asked, "Do you believe this?" How would you answer that question today? What makes belief in the resurrection challenging or encouraging for you?

9. We are living in the "final countdown" between salvation and redemption. How should this reality affect the way we live our daily lives?

**Choose one of the following to practice this week:**

1. Tell Your Story: Share with someone (believer or non-believer) a specific way God has worked in your life. Practice retelling your "family story" as a child of God.

2. Wilderness Trust Exercise: Identify one area where you're struggling to trust God. Each day, consciously thank Him for one way He's provided in the past in that area of your life.

3. Song of Salvation: Like Moses and Miriam, write your own prayer or song of thanksgiving for your salvation. Use Exodus 15, Psalm 118, or Luke 1 as inspiration.