



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall is full of great opportunities to plug in at Mosaic! - Make plans to join us at one (or all!) of the upcoming fall events. Treats on the Streets (Oct 30) - Fall Fest (Nov 7) - Night of Thx (Nov 18)!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's something you were nervous to try, but afterward thought, "Why didn't I do this sooner?"

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Exodus 14:10-16

- 1. The Israelites had just witnessed God's power, yet their next crisis convinced them He had abandoned them. Why doesn't yesterday's experience with God automatically become today's confidence in Him?** What do you tend to forget when you're afraid?
- 2. Israel saw a dead end; God was making a way through. Have you experienced a difficult season that deepened your trust in God? What helped you trust Him while the outcome was still uncertain?**
- 3. "The Lord will fight for you" is followed by "go forward."** How do you tell the difference between waiting on God and avoiding a step you're afraid to take? What might that distinction look like in something you're facing now?

Read Exodus 14:21-31 and Ephesians 2:8-9.

- 4. The sermon compared trusting Jesus to putting your full weight on a chair. What's the difference between knowing facts about Jesus and relying on Him to save you? How have you seen that play out in you or someone else's life?**
- 5. We can say salvation is a gift and still live as though God's acceptance depends on our performance. What happens inside you after a spiritually "good" week? What about after a week when you've failed?** What might those reactions reveal about where you're placing your confidence?

Read Romans 6:4 and Romans 8:33-34.

- 6. How does baptism picture Jesus' death and resurrection...and our new life in Him? If you've been baptized, what did that moment mean to you? If you haven't, what questions do you have?**
- 7. What accusations from your past are hardest to release? How does knowing that Jesus died, rose, and intercedes for you change the way you respond to those accusations?**
- 8. If you were at Sunday's service, you witnessed a time of baptisms. What did you find yourself thinking or feeling during the baptism invitation?** If you were baptized, what brought you to that decision? If you hesitated, what were you wrestling with? Share only what you're comfortable sharing.

ACTION STEP

Recognize your "return to Egypt" moments. When are you most tempted to return to an old pattern...when you're lonely, tired, disappointed, or afraid? Finish this sentence: "When I feel _____, instead of returning to _____, I will _____."

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...