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For the Leader

J. Oswald Sanders writes in his book *Spiritual Leadership*, “If you want to maintain an image of infallibility, find something else to do besides leading people.” People would rather follow a leader who is always real rather than one who is always right. This week as groups begin, set the tone with your own vulnerability. We should be willing to remove our own masks if we expect our people to remove theirs.

Have Fun! – These questions help you get to know your group and provide fun conversation.

1. Toilet paper, over or under?
2. You get an endless supply of one food for the rest of your life, what’s your choice?
3. Would you rather your shirts always be two sizes too big or one size too small? Why?

Start Learning – These scriptures will help your group form thoughts from a biblical viewpoint.

1. Read Exodus 14:10-14, discuss anything that stands out to the group from any of these passages.
2. Read Exodus 14:21-31
3. Read James 5:13-16

Start Thinking and Discussing – These questions will help your group go deeper in discussion.

1. Lee said, “Moses couldn’t even bury one Egyptian right, but God buried the whole army!”. Where else in the Bible do we see how man’s attempts pale in comparison to God’s provision?
2. Lee asked, “Are you praying wrong?” He challenged us to have a secluded prayer place rather than just a prayer time. How can you change up your prayer life? Where is your favorite place to pray?
3. The Israelites were worried they made the wrong decision to leave Egypt, they told Moses they’d be better off back in that old place. But, Moses’ faith was a major encouragement (Exodus 14:13-14). Discuss how faith in Jesus has changed the way you see obstacles, be specific by sharing a story from your life, open the floor for others to do the same. Encourage and remind one another that regardless of the difficulty, falling away from Jesus and returning to the “old place” is not an option.

Start Connecting – These questions will help your group connect personally.

1. Lee joked of how Pharaoh told Moses he wanted the plague of frogs to end “tomorrow instead of right now!” (Exodus 8:10). We laughed, but we act in similar ways – there are things in our lives that aren’t good for us, yet we choose to deal with them “tomorrow”. Discuss this thought. Why do we do this? Use an example from your own life and open the floor for others to share too.
2. The Egyptians were stuck in slavery that seemed unending, they likely prayed for deliverance but probably didn’t expect it to come in such a manner. Are you telling God how to deliver you? Have you experienced a time when God helped you overcome something in a surprising way? Talk about it.
3. What’s concerning or even worrying you right now? As a group, encourage each person who shares.

Prayer – Pray for these upcoming events as you close in prayer for one another:

- Feb 7 – First Wednesday Service
- Feb 11 – Vision Sunday & Connect Night
- Feb 24 – Wild Game Supper