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Family & Community Discussion



# 11: PARTING Seas

Today's Scripture

**EXODUS 14:22**

**EXODUS 14:21-29**

**EXODUS 14:15**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-3**

**EXODUS 14:12**

**EXODUS 16:3**

**JOHN 5:24**

**ROMANS 8:1**

**EXODUS 32:30**

**DEUTERONOMY 18:15**

**1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6**

**MATTHEW 27:46**

**COLOSSIANS 3:3-4**

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## INTRODUCTION

Modern Philosophers will say things to the effect that to be free, having no lord or master, to belong to yourself, is impossible. We are a people who are never truly our own, something always owns us in a way. This is why when God calls for His people's freedom in the Exodus narrative He doesn't just say, "Let my people go," in reality He says, "Let my people go, so that they may worship me." He says this because we are not free until we begin to worship the right thing in the right way. As an American, this is a radically different understanding of freedom: that unless Jesus is the absolute Lord of our life, we're a slave to something else.

## DISCUSSION

What have been your earlier thoughts and impressions on God parting the Red Sea?

Did you (or do you) understand it as a miracle?

## EXPLANATION

What things do you connect your life to that lead you to bondage?

Has anger, jealousy, or personal pride ever led you to react in a way that dishonors God?

Is there anything that you would like to be set free from now?

## APPLICATION – READ ROMANS 8:1 AND 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6

What does it mean that Jesus and not Moses is now our mediator?

What things does Jesus need to mediate between us and God?

## MISSION

How does Jesus fulfilling God's redemptive purpose lead us to true freedom?

Why is the Gospel central to our freedom?

How can we share that freedom with others?

