



The Israelites have seen God pour out miracles and wrath upon the Egyptians. They've finally left Egypt, and today, we get to one of the most famous passages you can find anywhere in the Bible. Today, the Israelites are going to cross the Red Sea. For centuries, people have tried to explain away the miracles of the Bible because they are beyond the natural. Guess what? We should agree that they are beyond the natural. Our entire faith is beyond the natural; it's supernatural. If you can't believe God could part some waters, what are you going to do with the whole Son of God coming in the form of a baby, dying on the cross for the sins of the world, resurrected from the dead, and coming back again? We serve a miracle-working God! In your life and *this church*, it's time to cross over into the new things God is doing. We are not to be driven by fear or caution but by faith and trust.

Key Passage: Exodus 14

Discussion Questions:

1. What parallels can be drawn between the Israelites' journey to cross the Red Sea and your experiences facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles?
2. How does the Israelites' response to the threat of the Egyptians reflect our tendencies of fear, forgetfulness, and a pull toward the familiar?
3. How does Moses' response to the Israelites' fear demonstrate spiritual leadership and deep faith in God?
4. What role does faith play in the command for the Israelites to "move forward" despite the seemingly impossible situation before them?
5. How does the crossing of the Red Sea demonstrate the power and faithfulness of God? What impact does witnessing such a miracle have on the Israelites? What should this miracle (and others) do for your faith?
6. How does the message of "crossing over" from fear to faith and from the familiar to the new apply to you, your small group, and our church?
7. What significance does "relaunching" with a church-plant mindset hold for a church's future growth and impact? How can this same mindset apply to our small group?
8. Why is it essential to create a welcoming environment within the church? What steps can you take to help our church achieve this goal? What steps can you take to help your small group accomplish this goal?
9. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?