



Lessons Learned in the Wilderness - Brian Steenhoek

Icebreaker:

1. What is your favorite place to camp?
2. What is your favorite camping food?

Summary:

Sometimes God leads us through life's impossible moments to reveal His glory and faithfulness. His guidance, even in trials, points us to the ultimate salvation found in Jesus Christ.

Engage the Bible:

- Exodus 13:20-14:14
- Mark 4:35-41

Small Group Questions:

- "What's the most unexpected detour you've ever experienced—on a road trip or in life?" (Follow-up: How did that detour shape the outcome?)
- Read Exodus 13:20–22. Why do you think God led Israel the long way around instead of the shorter path?
- Can you think of a time when God's leading in your life didn't make sense at the moment? What did you learn from it?
- Read Exodus 14:1–9. How does this passage show that God was in control, even when things looked bad?
- What are some modern "Red Sea" moments where we feel trapped? How does knowing God's glory is at stake change our response?
- Read Exodus 14:10–12. How do the Israelites respond to fear? How does fear cause us to distort the past or doubt God's promises?
- What truths about God help you respond to fear with faith?
- Read Exodus 14:13–14. What does it mean to "be still" and let God fight for you?
- In what areas of your life is God calling you to stand firm and trust Him right now?
- How does this story point us to Jesus and the salvation we receive through Him?
- Why is it important to remember that salvation is God's work and not ours?