

MOSES: Exodus 14

This past Sunday we got to observe and celebrate baptisms.

If you saw the baptisms or testimonies did anything encourage you about them?

Do you come from a church/faith tradition where baptisms were done differently?

If you have never been baptized is that something you would like to do?

The sermon and text was about a big problem and challenge that Moses and the people of Israel faced.

Do you think that God sometimes uses problems and challenges to show us His glory, draw us closer to Himself and/or shape us more like Jesus?

If so, how do problems and challenges help do those things?

When the people of Israel left Egypt God led them in a way that did not appear to make much sense. However, God knew that it was a way that kept them from experiencing certain troubles, suffering, and discouragement and it was the best way for them.

Have you ever wondered why God led you in certain direction or had your life take a certain turn?

Are there things in your life that, at the time did not make sense, but now you see why God allowed those to happen?

When trapped between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea, we see that God did not keep them from facing the problem but, instead, he delivered them through the problem.

What is the difference between God (i) keeping us from experiencing a problem and (ii) delivering us through a problem?

Is it encouraging or discouraging to realize that God sometimes makes us go through a problem (and goes through it with us) as opposed to keeping us from every problem?

Is there a problem that you are facing today that you wish would just go away? Is there any way the group can encourage you, as you face that problem?