

# **Small Group Discussion Guide**

Series: The Sacred Journey

Message Title: Victory in Hand

Passage: Exodus 17:8–16

## **Opening Question**

- What kinds of things do you most often pray for? What kinds of things do you find yourself praying against?

## **Read the Passage: Exodus 17:8–16**

## **1. Observation – What Does the Text Say?**

- Who are the main characters in this passage, and what roles do they play?
- What do you notice about the timing word “tomorrow” (v.9)? Why might this be significant?
- What physical objects and actions are highlighted (staff, lifted hands, stone, altar)?
- How does the battle shift depending on Moses’ posture?

## **2. Interpretation – What Does It Mean?**

- What does the staff of God represent throughout Exodus?
- Why do you think Moses’ raised hands mattered in the battle? What are the possible explanations?
- What does this passage teach us about God’s role versus Israel’s role in victory?
- Why did Moses build an altar and call it “The Lord is my Banner”?

## **3. Discussion – What Does This Teach Us Today?**

- What do “Amalekites” (enemies of God) look like in our world today?
- How do we discern the difference between God’s battles and our personal agendas?
- How have you seen prayer change the outcome of difficult situations—in history, in the church, or in your own life?
- Why do we need others, like Aaron and Hur, to come alongside us in prayer and encouragement?

## **4. Application – How Should We Respond?**

- What battles in our culture or community should we be intentionally praying against (e.g., injustice, addiction, human trafficking)?
- What battles in your own life require sustained prayer and support from others?
- Who in your circle could you be an “Aaron” or “Hur” for this week?
- How can your group practically hold one another’s arms up in prayer in the weeks ahead?

## **Closing Reflection**

In prayer, we join with God in fighting His enemies. Victory is not in our strength, but in His banner over us.