



Group Discussion and Application

1. What kinds of situations produce fear?
2. What are some common reactions to fears?
3. Given all of the miracles Israel had recently observed, how do you account for their fear in this new situation? What lessons are we to learn from this?
4. Israel was to wait and watch what God would do, but also to take action. In 14:13 Israel was not to fight but in 17:9 Israel was to fight. How can we know when we are to wait on God and when we are to take action?
5. Israel was saved for God's glory (Ex 14:17-18). We are saved for God's glory. What are the practical implications of this?
6. What does it mean for God to receive glory?
7. Today's text is a description of an historical event in the life of Israel. We must not mistake description for prescription. Yet these things are given as examples to us (1Cor 10:11). How do we determine how we should apply such a passage? How do we determine to what extent something described is prescribed?
8. What verses are especially meaningful to you during fearful times?
9. Discuss this quote from Matthew Henry: *"God sometimes raises difficulties in the way of the salvation of his people, that he may have the glory of subduing them and helping his people over them."*



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What are some of your fears? What fearful situations are you facing in life?
2. Which of the guidelines addressed today do you most need to apply? What specific action will you take to apply this to your situation?
3. Select a Scripture verse that addresses your fear and memorize it this week.



Family Homework

1. What kinds of things make you afraid? How do you usually respond?
2. How can our study help you with your fears? How can other people help you?
3. Select and memorize a Bible verse that will help you during times of fear.



Between the Red Sea and a Hard Place Exodus 14:8-18

Nine guidelines for facing fear

- 1 In the face of fear... _____ [8-10]
- 2 In the face of fear... _____ [11-12]
- 3 In the face of fear... _____ [13a]
- 4 In the face of fear... _____ [13b]
- 5 In the face of fear... _____ [13b-c]
- 6 In the face of fear... _____ [14]
- 7 In the face of fear... _____ [15-16]
- 8 In the face of fear... _____ [17-18]
- 9 In the face of fear... _____ [17-18]