Crossing the Sea - Exodus 13:17-15:21

Topics: Direction, Fear, Listening, Obedience, Protection, Victory

Open It

- 1. When you were growing up, what were ways you didn't listen to your parents?
- * 2. What are some of the reasons parents tell children to follow specific directions?
 - 3. What is the most ridiculous thing you've ever been asked to do?

Explore It

- * 4. What was God's reason for directing the Israelites toward the Red Sea? (13:17-18)
- * 5. How did God supernaturally use fire and clouds to lead the Israelites? (13:20-22)
- * 6. For what purpose did God give Moses very specific directions? (14:1-4)
 - 7. How did Pharaoh react when he was told that the Israelites left? (14:5-9)
 - 8. What did the Israelites cry to Moses when the Egyptians came after them? (14:10-12)
 - 9. How did Moses respond when the Egyptians were bearing down on the Israelites? (14:13-14)
 - 10. What did God say to Moses to get the Israelites moving? (14:15-18)
 - 11. Who was used to protect the Israelites? (14:19-20)
 - 12. What miraculous events took place at the Red Sea? (14:21-31)
 - 13. How did Moses and the Israelites respond to the victory God gave them? (15:1-5)
 - 14. What are some of the attributes of God described by the Israelites? (15:6-13)
 - 15. What are significant differences between the people of Israel and pagan nations? (15:14-18)
 - 16. How did Moses' sister, Miriam, respond to God's deliverance of Israel from the Egyptians? (15:19-21)

Get It

- * 17. How do you think Moses felt when God gave him specific directions?
- * 18. How is it hard to follow God when we know He wants to direct us to safety?
 - 19. How do you imagine God felt when the Israelites cried to return to Egypt?
 - 20. How is listening to God tied to our safety and protection?
 - 21. What might the Israelites have felt about their bad attitudes after God rescued them?
 - 22. How can bad attitudes and not listening to God get us in trouble?
 - 23. What do we have to do to be obedient to God even when we don't feel like it?
 - 24. How has God performed amazing "Red Sea" miracles in your life?

Apply It

- 25. How can you give your fears to God this week?
- 26. What is a practical way you can consciously listen to God today?
- * 27. What benefits can you see in following God's direction in your life right now?