

# VICTORY BELONGS TO GOD

## CENTRAL TRUTH

As we will see in this week's passage, the Lord fought on behalf of His people, rescuing them from the grasp of the cruel Egyptian king. The Israelites were freed from slavery for a purpose. Together, we will learn that **we've been rescued by God to worship and serve Him.**

## KEY QUESTION

**What does it mean to fear the Lord? Why is this the proper response to Him?**

In response to God's victory on the Israelites' behalf, they "feared" the Lord. This word conveys the idea of honor, submission, and reverence. This is the proper response to the Lord based on who He is and what He has done. God alone is worthy of our worship and praise.

## KEEP IN MIND

- I The Israelites faced a seemingly hopeless situation, and yet, the Lord rescued them in a way that only He could. The students in your group are facing a variety of situations. Invite them to bring their burdens to the Lord, trusting that He is kind and able to work on their behalf. Carve out time at the end of small group to pray for the needs of students.
- I Students will need help understanding how this story connects to the salvation they've received in Christ. Using the **Theology Note** to help you, show students that Israel's rescue is revisited throughout Scripture and points to Jesus' saving work on our behalf. In Him, we've been rescued from sin to enjoy a relationship with the Lord.

## APPLICATION

- I **Why is it important for us to tell others about God's saving work in our lives? How can we do this?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Through God's work in Christ, we've been rescued from slavery to sin to worship and serve the Lord. Believers are truly free!

**FOR THE LEADER:** Students are looking for life-fulfilling purpose. Help them to see that we discover our true purpose in Christ: to worship, serve, and enjoy a relationship with the Lord.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?