

Exodus 15 : 1 – 21

1. The narrative recorded in Exodus 12 : 32 takes us to the point of the slaying of the Egyptians first born! By reading Exodus 15 : 1 - 21, we find out exactly what happened in the Israelites escape and the Red Sea deliverance without reading chapters 13 and 14! Why was it important for the Israelites to detail their reasons for praising God? Why is it important for you and I to express our thanks for the specific expressions for God's goodness and faithfulness to us?
2. Our passage expresses thanks in the first person: "I will give thanks". As with the Israelites, how important is it for us to identify God's personal dealing with us?
3. What verses express thanks for the past and for the future? What is the connection between the two?
4. Discuss how this "Red Sea" experience might be considered a turning point for the nation of Israel?
5. Consider the "what happened there" question! Rehearse the events that led up to the Red Sea miracle?
6. If the Israelites acknowledged the "mysterious power of God", how might we expect that to be our experience today? Can you share a personal experience of this mystery?
7. How might you compare God's action here with His work through Jesus on the cross?