

## **GUIDED BY THE FIRE**

### **'There in the middle'**

**Livestream 19th April 2020**

Key Scripture: **Exodus 14:10-22**

**Summary:** In this part of the Exodus story, the Israelites find themselves strategically and divinely positioned by God (beginning of chapter 14). On seeing the approaching Egyptian army however, in their fear, it can't have felt much like a God given plan - they are 'caught' in the middle. God's presence repositions from being in front of the Israelites to behind them, coming 'between the armies of Egypt and Israel'. Now God is in the middle, where He has been putting Himself throughout history. Jesus is the most amazing example of this being true.

Many of us will feel caught in the middle of something and feel far away from the strategic, divine positioning of God. But let's be encouraged by God's presence right in the middle of it all - He is working behind us where it is harder to see and also right in front of our faces. The people of Israel went from being caught in the middle to walking right through the middle of their miracle of breakthrough. Let us also be encouraged by our God who is the God of deliverance and breakthrough.

### **Questions:**

1. What are the things that strike you out of Chris' message from Sunday? Are there any immediate takeaways?
2. How do you think God might be positioning you at the moment?
3. Looking at Exodus 14:14, what might stillness look like for you in this season? If you want to, you could also look at Psalm 46.
4. Are you able to express something that you feel caught in the middle of right now? How might you recognise God being right there in the middle of it with you?
5. Are there areas of your life or the lives of those around you where you desire breakthrough? How could you pray into these things over the coming days and weeks?