



Uncertain – Introduction

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

During unexpected storms and life's most challenging situations, we can become insecure, confused, and fearful. Today, we begin a new series called *Uncertain*, a biblical approach to discovering *what to do when you don't know what to do*.

Discussion Questions

If you watched Pastor Steve's sermon message, what resonated most with you?

Exodus 14:9 reads, "So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea..."

- After 400 years of Egyptian slavery, the God of Israel forces Pharaoh to release the Hebrews from bondage. Led by Moses, God's deliverer, the Hebrews are pursued by Pharaoh and his army. With the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptians behind them, Israelites appear trapped in dangerous uncertainty.
- When faced with difficulty and uncertainty, is your natural inclination to:
 - Fight (become aggressive or reactionary)
 - Flee (become withdrawn or detached)
 - Freeze (become unclear or indecisive)
- Why do you think you respond this way? How have you seen this exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic?

In **Exodus 14:11-12** the Hebrews' initial cry to God quickly turns into harsh accusations and complaints against God and Moses as they express their desire to return to Egyptian bondage. Amidst uncertainty, the Hebrews forgot *who* God is and the miracles He performed to free them from slavery.

- Why do we tend to forget the faithfulness of God in times of trouble?

Exodus 14:13-15 reads, “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.’ And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.’”

In this Scripture, God gives us the anecdote for what to do when we don't know what to do. Over the next four weeks, we'll explore **Four Positive Ways to Respond to Uncertainties in Our Life**.

1. **Fear Not.**
Don't give in to fear. It's the opposite of faith.
2. **Stand Still.**
Stand on God's Word rather than your emotions.
3. **Hold Your Peace.**
Walk in peace regardless of your circumstances.
4. **Go Forward.**
Move past your doubts and have confidence in the days to come.

- Which of these four responses do you most need to apply in your life right now?
- What will you do differently this week as a result of this message?

Life Challenge

Commit to watch Pastor Steve's message next weekend in the *Uncertain* series and invite someone to join you. It's as easy as sharing -- Online.ChurchoftheKing.com or Facebook.com/ChurchoftheKing.

Prayer

Father, thank You for being with us during this uncertain time. We choose to call out to You with our needs. By Your Holy Spirit, we can live without fear, we can stand on the power of Your Word, and walk in the peace and confidence You provide. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.