**The Land Between – part 2 Leader Notes**

**Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea**

**HOOK**

**1. Have you ever gotten lost? Tell the story and how you found your way.**

**2. What was one of the first big lessons you learned after you became a believer?**

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**Read Exodus 13:17,18 and 13:21-22.**

**3. Why didn’t God lead Israel on the shortest route?** (God needed time to prepare His people for war; it would take time to build a relationship of trust with His people)

**4. Have you ever felt God’s leading to be “illogical” only to realize later it was God’s blessing?**

**5. How did God lead Israel?** (Through fire at night and cloud by day). **What is the equivalent for believers today?** (The Holy Spirit who lives in believers). **Do you look to God for leading on a daily basis? When is your listening time to God?**

**6. Read Exodus 14:4. What is the key end result of God’s leading in our life?** (God’s glory).

**Are you more concerned with God’s glory or your own comfort?**

 **7. “The Land Between” is a metaphor. What is it a metaphor of?** (Being in a place of difficult transition).

**8. Read Ex. 14:19-22 How was Israel in the Land Between?** (They were in between Pharaoh chasing them and the Red Sea on the other, preventing their escape. When they walked through the walls of water, they were also in the Land Between.)

**9. Have you ever felt trapped in a Land Between? Do you feel in the Land Between now?**

**10. What can happen in our biggest moments of stress, panic and challenge in our life?** (It can become God’s greatest moment of revelation and deliverance. Our crisis is a dangerous opportunity.)

**11. Read Ex. 15:3 How did God reveal himself in the parting of the Red Sea?** (As a Man of War, a Warrior Hero). **How has God been revealing Himself to you lately?**

**12. Read Ex. 14:13,14 What are actions that show we trust God in crises?**

Don’t be afraid; Stand firm; Open your Eyes to see what God is doing; Be still; Walk on the path of escape God gives us.

**TOOK**

**13. When we find it difficult to trust that God will do what He says, how can we build trust?** (Remember what God has done in the past; Keep your eyes on Jesus; Read God’s Word which builds faith; say “I trust you, Jesus” in every circumstance – our confession becomes our reality.)

**14. What can we learn from the experience of Gladys Aylward when we’re in a moment of crisis?** (You’re not Moses, but Jehovah is still God.)

**15. Where is God in the story of the parting of the Red Sea?** (All over – freeing Israel, leading Israel, provoking Pharaoh to chase, in between the Egyptians and Israelites, in the wind drying out the Red Sea, and gaining glory by destroying Pharaoh’s armies). **Where is God in your story right now?**

**16. Do you ever feel that God is against you? How might the “strong east wind” of Ex. 14:21 be a metaphor that helps you reframe your thoughts?** (Though the wind made it more challenging to walk ahead, it also was drying out the ground beneath Israel’s feet.) Rom. 8:32 is an encouraging verse.

**17. Do you feel God is asking you to pray more or obey more right now?**

**18. What are you praising God for these days?**