

Bitter to Better

Small Group Discussion Questions

Exodus 15:22-27

- 1. The Israelites had just experienced a major victory at the Red Sea before entering the wilderness.** How have you seen God use past victories to help you trust Him during difficult seasons?
- 2. What's bitter in us is often the unhealed wound within us.** What bitterness, hurt, disappointment, or struggle might God be revealing in your life right now?
- 3. When the Israelites reached Marah, their first response was to grumble.** What is your typical response when life doesn't meet your expectations, and how can you grow in trusting God instead?
- 4. God used something unexpected, a tree, to transform the bitter water.** Have you ever experienced God providing an answer that looked different from what you were praying for? What did you learn from that experience?
- 5. Exodus 15:26 reveals God as Jehovah Rapha, "The Lord your healer."** In what area of your life do you need God's healing most right now: physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual? How can the group pray for you?
- 6. The takeaway of the message is that God often brings us through bitter places so we can help bring healing to others.** How might God use a past wound, trial, or hardship in your life to encourage and minister to someone else today?