



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Exodus 15, 16 and 17: Lessons in the Wilderness

## GETTING STARTED

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together.

What is the “wildest” place you have ever visited? Or is there some place you would LIKE to visit that is the least untouched by human hands?

## QUICK REACTIONS

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

Did you disagree with something said, or what do you think should have been added or expanded on?

## QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

Have you had a “mountain top” experience in your life? How about a wilderness experience? Have you had one back-to-back?

What lessons have YOU learned in your (or someone else’s) wilderness?

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, even though it was the Spirit that led him there. (Matthew 4) What unique temptations do you see people experience in the wilderness?

## EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Exodus 15:26, 16:2 and 17:2, Matthew 4:1-11]

Do you think it is significant that God is called, “the Lord, who HEALS you in Exodus 15:26.” What kind of healing have you received from God? Or what healing are you praying over our nation, your neighbors, a loved one?

The people seem to grumble to Moses a lot. Why do you think they went to Moses instead of crying out to the Lord? (Exodus 15:24, Exodus 16:2, Exodus 17:2)

Read about the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage? What did the devil use to tempt Jesus? How do those temptations mirror our own temptations today?

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?

## APPLY THE PASSAGE

Share bravely, where do you find yourself today? Mountain top? Coming into a wilderness? Coming out of one? Where do you see yourself in this story of the Israelites?

How can we pray for each other?