

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Wilderness

Wilderness Change – Exodus 16

Discussion Points

September 20, 2020

Read/Reflect

- Briefly review the “escape from Egypt” story (Exodus 1-15), then read Exodus 16 (at least vss.1-5).
- After all God had done for his people (Ex. 1-15), what do you think could have been God’s appropriate response? How does God respond? How do you react to Israel’s behaviour and to God’s response?

Explore

- When have you complained the most? How do you account for your complaining?

<input type="checkbox"/> I’m scared	<input type="checkbox"/> I’m justified	<input type="checkbox"/> I’m tired
<input type="checkbox"/> I’m losing control	<input type="checkbox"/> I’ve been wronged	<input type="checkbox"/> I’m angry
- After the great “exodus from slavery,” what expectations do you think Israel had of God?
What are your expectations for experiencing God?

<input type="checkbox"/> A warm feeling	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling safe	<input type="checkbox"/> Only joy
<input type="checkbox"/> A struggle	<input type="checkbox"/> Overwhelmed	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
- When those expectations are not met, how do you react to God?

<input type="checkbox"/> God failed me	<input type="checkbox"/> I give up on God	<input type="checkbox"/> God has my attention
<input type="checkbox"/> I failed God	<input type="checkbox"/> I adjust my expectation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
- What kind of change do you desire in your experience of God?
- Reflect on the ways God has been active in your life during the last six months:
 - Where have you seen God at work?
 - Where have you struggled in your relationship with God?

Pray

- ✝ *As you share your answers for #7 to one another (if in a group), commit your observations to prayer, either in thanks and praise or in request and petition to God.*
- ✝ *Pray (for one another) for strength to trust God in the middle of your wilderness experience, and praise him for his daily provisions.*



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