

From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #8

lead up to Nov 25th

Digging into Exodus 15:22-17:7

1. Read through Exodus 15:22-17:7 together and then share your initial observations & responses.
 - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention?
 - What parts surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?

2. Glance back over these three stories and unpack together how God responded to the people's needs.
 - Outline each situation and God's response.
 - What, if any, situational instructions does God give? (i.e. what are they/Moses to do?)
 - What principles or instruction does God give that would be necessary for Israel long after the wilderness?

3. In Ex 16:23f, God introduces the gift of the Sabbath to the Israelites.
 - Considering they have just spent the last 400 years as slaves to the Egyptians, how do you think this idea would be received by the Israelites?
 - Can we learn anything from the simple fact that God introduces this Sabbath command in the wilderness, and not just once they've reached the "promised land"?

4. If we take the view that Exodus is a paradigm for salvation, what can [must?] we learn from the inclusion of the wilderness story **within** the salvation story?
 - What difference does it make for us to understand that wilderness times are a part of the journey – this side of the Exodus?
 - How could we practically do – personally or corporately – to keep this perspective?

5. Corporate worship is one way that we recount and remember the salvation story – which includes wilderness seasons.
 - What songs have been helpful for you in your wilderness seasons? Explain.

WRAP UP: In a word or phrase, what in Exodus 15-17 most significantly lingers with you?

PRAY: *Take a few minutes to pray together into the wilderness trials of your lives.
Seek the God who works in the wilderness – for His glory and our good.*