

The With-God Journey

Date: March 12, 2023

Text: Exodus 15-18; Numbers 13-14

Title: Growing Through the Wilderness

Description: All of us inevitably go through wilderness seasons of life. But what if we didn't just go through them? What if we learned to *grow* through them? This week, as we continue our series, The With-God Journey, will follow God's people as they travel through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. Discover how God might want to transform you through the struggles and challenges you face today.

Small Group Questions

1. A common phrase we use in our culture is "growing pains." Why are pain and growth so closely related.
2. In Pastor Dave's message, he challenged us to not simply go through the wilderness seasons of life but to grow through them. How have you experienced spiritual growth through a challenging season in your life?
3. Read Exodus 15:1-18. How do God's people respond to being delivered? Why is praise such an important spiritual practice in the Christian life?
4. Pastor Dave talk about how our achievements are like manna in the wilderness. They only satisfy for a short time. Rather than looking for contentment by achieving certain life goals, what can we pursue that will lead to long-term satisfaction in life?
5. Read Exodus 17:8-13. Who are people who have been like Aaron and Hur to you? Who are people in your life that you have been like Aaron and Hur to? How might you deepen your fellowship with other believers?
6. Read Exodus 18:13-26. What does Jethro tell Moses "isn't good" about what he's doing? How might Jethro's lesson to Moses be important for us?
7. In Numbers 13, Moses has people spy out the land. How was Caleb's report different than the report of the other spies? Number 14:24 says, "But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it." What is the different spirit Caleb possesses? How might we pray for and cultivate this kind of spirit ourselves?
8. Close by praying for one another.