

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

In the Wilderness
Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

Have you ever spent time in the wilderness? If you have, what experiences did you enjoy? Which ones weren't so enjoyable? If you haven't, is it something you are interested in doing? Why?

Passage 1 Exodus 3:7-8 (NIV)

"The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.'"

Reflection What do we witness God doing for his people here?
Has God ever brought you out from a situation or place when you thought He wasn't listening to your prayers?

Passage 2 Numbers 11:4-6 (NIV)

"The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!'"

Reflection Why were they so quick to complain even though God brought them out of slavery?
Has God brought you out of a situation, but, in hindsight, felt you were better off in the situation He brought you out of?

Passage 3 Numbers 11:11-12 (NIV)

"He asked the Lord, 'Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors?'"

Reflection Has there ever been a time where your position/role was too much for you to handle?
Can you relate with Moses?

Passage 4 Numbers 11:16 (NIV)

"The LORD said to Moses: 'Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.'"

Reflection Have you ever been so overwhelmed with a dilemma but God placed people in your path to help you carry the burden?

Passage 5 Numbers 11:18-20 (NIV)

"Tell the people: 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat.' The Lord heard you when you wailed, 'If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!' Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it. You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the Lord, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, 'Why did we ever leave Egypt?'"

Reflection What was God doing to the Israelites? Why?
Has there ever been a discipline from God that has saved you, made you stronger or brought you to know who He is?

Application

If you are in the wilderness, will you trust God and His promises? If you are not going through the wilderness will you be that person to help others walk through it?

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