

WILDERNESS WORK

Rebellion to Submission

**When we want
our own way, we
can learn to
honor authority.**

SERIES SUMMARY

Wilderness Work is a journey through Numbers 11–14, where Israel's wilderness wanderings reveal not just external challenges, but internal battles of the heart. In the quiet, desolate places—what Scripture calls the *erēmos*—God exposes the attitudes that hold us back: complaining, criticism, doubt, and rebellion. Yet in the very same wilderness, He invites us to deeper transformation.

This series will explore how God wants to do sacred work within us, leading us from grumbling to gratitude, from cynicism to love, from fear to faith, and from rebellion to submission.

ICEBREAKER

Are you the rule-follower or the rule-breaker in your family?

SCRIPTURE

Read what Peter taught about submitting to human authorities in:

- 1 Peter 2:13-17
- 1 Peter 5:1-5



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Can you fathom why submitting to human authority would serve to honor God?
2. Why would the Christian faith advocate submitting to ungodly authority figures like the Roman emperor was?
3. What does I Peter 5 teach you about how authority should work in the church?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. Where in your life do you struggle the most with authority?
5. Agree or disagree: The heart that rebels against human authority is likely to also rebel against God's authority.
6. How can you determine whether you're abusing authority you have been entrusted with?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. What are some practical, easy ways to honor the people God places in authority over us?
8. What does godly leadership look like?
9. What are the extreme circumstances that always warrant rebellion against human authority?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

List some human authority figures in and out of the church that your group will commit to praying for this week.

