



WEEK THREE

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From Misery to Mystery

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Are you a master planner of events or do you like to just see what comes?

On a scale of 1 to 10 how much do you like surprises, with 1 being “not at all.” Why?

2. Take a look at Exodus 3:7-10. God says four things about Himself in these verses. What are they?

What do they tell us about God’s character toward His people?

3. Now read Exodus 16:1-4. Why are the Israelites upset? Is it a valid concern? Why?

How much do they know about where they are going and how they will get there?

4. Had God hidden Himself from the Israelites here or did they have a vision problem? Are there times when you have felt God was far from you?

5. Why do we sometimes choose misery over mystery?

6. Take a look at Exodus 16:13-20. Why were the people instructed to only gather enough manna for one day?

Why do you think it spoiled so quickly?

What was the point of this moment in the Israelite's wilderness experience?

7. Why do you think God sometimes keeps us in the dark about what He's up to?

How does Psalm 119:105 show how to trust God when you can't clearly see the road ahead?

8. Pastor Jared said, "To get to where we've never been, we have to do things we've never done." What did he mean? Can you relate?

MEMORIZE: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 NIV

CRB CORE VALUE THOUGHT: Are you in the in-between place of where you used to be and where you'd *like* to be? How is God meeting your daily needs while you wait on Him? Identify the "manna" He has been providing you. Commit to trusting in the LORD – your inward relationship with Him – despite your inability to see fully where the road is leading.