

# What's the Purpose of Dry Seasons?

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**Scriptures:** Ecc. 3:1; Job 23:8-10; Heb. 2:18, 4:15, 5:8; Matt. 4:1, Luke 1:8; Ex. 33:15

**Bottom Line:** God has a purpose for us in our dry seasons.

## Ecclesiastes 3:1

- We go through different seasons of life and faith. Dry seasons will come.

## Job 23:8-10

- God never leaves us, but sometimes we don't experience His tangible presence

## Hebrews 4:15, 2:18

- Jesus experienced temptation
- He is able to help us when we go through temptation

## Hebrews 5:8

- Jesus learned obedience through suffering
- He can help us through our own suffering, and mature us through it

## Matthew 4:1

- God is the one who leads us into dry seasons

## Luke 1:8

- God uses dry seasons to prepare us for what's ahead

## Exodus 33:15

- God uses dry seasons to point us towards Himself

# LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Have you ever experienced a dry season? What was it like? What happened?
3. Did you choose to walk with God in that season? If so, how did it shape you?