

Small Group Guide: Remember Your First Vow

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Discussion Questions

1. The Wilderness Transformation

- How does Israel's journey from slavery to nationhood mirror a believer's spiritual journey?
- What "wilderness experiences" have shaped your faith?

2. What does Jeremiah 2:2 reveal about God's heart toward His people's?

3. Living Water vs. Broken Cisterns

- What are some modern-day "broken cisterns" that people dig for themselves instead of drawing from God's living water?
- How can we recognize when we're relying on our own resources rather than God's provision?

4. What does it mean that believers are "firstfruits" (James 1:18)?

- How should this identity shape how we live and interact with the world?

5. The message presents Torah/Scripture as "living water." How does this perspective differ from viewing the Bible as merely rules or regulations?

- What practices help you engage with Scripture as life-giving rather than burdensome?

6. Romans 9:31-32 warns against pursuing righteousness through works rather than faith. How do we maintain the balance between obedience and grace? Where might you be tempted to earn God's favor rather than rest in His acceptance?

7. The message suggests that accepting Yeshua as Messiah includes an implicit vow to make Him known. Were you aware of this "calling" when you first believed? How are you currently living out this vow in your daily life?

8. Study and Share - The pastor emphasizes studying Scripture "cover to cover" in cultural and historical context. What barriers keep you from deeper Bible study?

Key Takeaways

1. ****God Never Abandons His People**** – Even when Israel wandered, God pursued them. He will not allow His children to be devoured by the world.

2. ****Transformation Takes Time**** – The wilderness experience was necessary for Israel's transformation, just as our spiritual growth requires process and patience.

3. ****Don't Forsake Your First Love**** – Maintaining devotion to God requires intentional choice and remembering what He has done.

4. ****We Have a Role in Redemption**** – Whether Jewish or Gentile, believers participate in God's plan to reveal His truth to the world.