BEING THE CHURCH

EXODUS 17 & 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New to Mosaic or want to an opportunity to know more? - Sign up for the upcoming mValues Covenant Membership Class being held on 11/15!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's something you stubbornly insisted you could handle by yourself, only to discover you absolutely needed help? Now think of a time someone showed up for you when they could've easily stayed uninvolved. What did their presence communicate that words alone couldn't?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Exodus 17:8-16

1. Joshua and his men fight, but the outcome of the battle is tied to what happens on the hill. What is Israel learning about where victory comes from? Why would that lesson matter so soon after leaving Egypt?

2. Look closely at verse 12. What do Aaron and Hur notice, and what do they do about it? What can we learn from the fact that Moses needs support even while faithfully carrying out his responsibility?

3. After the victory, Moses builds an altar called "The Lord Is My Banner." Why? What does this name mean? What does it mean for you?

Read Matthew 6:11

4. This verse tells us Jesus always lives to intercede for His people. How does Jesus' ongoing intercession give us confidence when we pray, especially when we feel weak or unsure what to say?

Read Exodus 18:7-12

5. In verse 8, what does Moses include in his account of the journey? Why is it significant that he tells Jethro about both the hardship and the deliverance?

6. Trace Jethro's response in verses 9–12. What does he feel, what does he declare about God, and what does he do? What does this reveal about the purpose of telling others what God has done?

Read Mark 5:18-20

7. If you followed Jesus' instruction to "tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you," what would you share? Who in your life needs to hear that story?

Read Exodus 18:13-23

8. According to verses 17–18, who will suffer if Moses continues working alone? Talk about how this relates to our church.

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

9. According to this passage, what are church leaders meant to equip God's people to do? What happens when "each part is working properly"? How does this shape our understanding of our own place in the church?

ACTION STEP

This week, choose one person and ask: "What's weighing on you right now, and how can I help?" Listen, pray with them, and agree on one practical way you can support them.

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...