



EXODUS CHAPTERS 16-17 (STUDENT)

Discussion Starter

- What's one of your best qualities as a person? One of your worst?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Exodus 16:1-36)

- Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Exodus 16:1-12

- Where do the Israelites find themselves in Exodus 16:2 and why is this significant?
 - What do you think this says about God?

Notice the response of God to the people's grumbling in Exodus 16:10-12. Why is His response significant?

Exodus 16:13-36

- Why don't you think the people listened to the instructions that God gave to them through Moses in Exodus 16:19-20?
 - How well would you say that you listen to God?



- We see a little bit of a pattern developing in Exodus 16:27-30. God has given His people very specific instructions. His people don't listen and make up how they think things should go. What was the big deal about the Israelites not gathering manna on the seventh day?
 - In what ways are you and I similar to the Israelites?

- **Exodus 17:1-16**
 - Based upon all that the Israelites had both seen and experienced up to this point, why do you think it was so easy for them to complain when things didn't unfold how they envisioned or expected?
 - Is it easier for you to be a person who complains about what you think God is not doing or praise God for what He is doing? Why?

 - What is the significance of Amalek coming to fight against Israel and the significance of Moses' arms being held up during the battle?
 - In what ways do you need to stop giving up because of what God has promised? In what ways do you need to battle to more fully embrace what God has already promised?

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests



- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
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- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Exodus 18-19)



EXODUS CHAPTERS 16-17 (FACILITATOR)

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Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

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Exodus 16:1-12

- Where do the Israelites find themselves in Exodus 16:2 and why is this significant?
 - The Israelites find themselves in the wilderness and this is significant because after 430 years in slavery, one would think that God would place them in a location that is slightly more comfortable and known. Yet, this isn't what God chooses to do. He brings them to a place that is uncomfortable and to a location that isn't known.
 - What do you think this says about God?
 - While it certainly is not God's goal to make people's lives miserable, God first and foremost isn't committed to making people comfortable but committed to growing people up.



- Notice the response of God to the people's grumbling in Exodus 16:10-12. Why is His response significant?
 - God doesn't hammer the Israelites for their grumbling, but He also doesn't affirm that grumbling. Rather, He shows them His glory and continues to take them through faith building lessons and principles. God does the same for you and me today. Because He is committed to our growth, He doesn't leave us hanging out to dry, but He does take allow our faith to be grown and strengthened.

Exodus 16:13-36

- Why don't you think the people listened to the instructions that God gave to them through Moses in Exodus 16:19-20?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
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- We see a little bit of a pattern developing in Exodus 16:27-30. God has given His people very specific instructions. His people don't listen and make up how they think things should go. What was the big deal about the Israelites not gathering manna on the seventh day?
 - The people didn't listen to what God said but this refusal to listen was rooted in a lack of trust and faith. They trusted in their abilities to make their own provisions rather than in God's ability to provide. They had elevated themselves and their "work" to collect the food over and above what God was doing.
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 - Is it easier for you to be a person who complains about what you think God is not doing or praise God for what He is doing? Why?
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- What is the significance of Amalek coming to fight against Israel and the significance of Moses' arms being held up during the battle?
 - Claiming the promises that God had given wasn't about making the Israelites comfortable. Rather, it was first about God being glorified and exalted and then about the Israelites faith being grown and built. What happened with Moses was a direct reflection of this. He battled for the people. Aaron and Hur battled for the people. Joshua battled for the people. The people battled. God gave the success and the victory.
 - In what ways do you need to stop giving up because of what God has promised? In what ways do you need to battle to more fully embrace what God has already promised?
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