



Exodus Grumbling in the Wilderness

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Read: Exodus 16:1-17:7

GETTING STARTED

It is easy to look back on a season of life and remember only the good parts. Sometimes we forget the challenges, struggles, or difficulties that came with it.

Discussion Question:

Have you ever looked back on a season of life and realised you remembered it better than it actually was? What made you see it differently?

The Israelites had just witnessed God's incredible deliverance through the Red Sea. Yet only a short time later they were grumbling and longing for Egypt. They remembered the food but forgot the slavery. In these chapters we see how God responds to their complaints and teaches them to trust Him one day at a time.

INTO THE WORD

Read Exodus 16:1-12.

The Israelites complain that Moses has brought them into the wilderness to die. Rather than remembering God's recent faithfulness, they focus on their current discomfort.

Questions:

- What do the Israelites choose to remember about Egypt, and what do they seem to forget?
- How does God respond to their grumbling? What does this reveal about His character?

Read Exodus 16:13-21 and Exodus 17:1-7.

God provides manna daily and later brings water from a rock when the people are thirsty.

Questions:

- Why do you think God gave manna one day at a time instead of providing a long-term supply?
- What similarities do you notice between the people's response in chapter 16 and chapter 17?

GOING DEEPER

One of the key lessons of the wilderness is that freedom is not simply leaving Egypt. It is learning to depend on God. The Israelites wanted certainty. God offered daily faithfulness.

Many of us would love to know exactly how God will work out our future, our finances, our health, our family situations, or our ministry opportunities. Yet often God invites us to trust Him for today rather than giving us answers for the whole journey.

Discussion Questions:

- Where are you most tempted to look backwards rather than recognising what God is doing today?
- What area of your life currently requires daily trust rather than complete certainty?
- How have you seen God provide for you in unexpected ways during difficult seasons?
- What practical step could help you focus on God's faithfulness today rather than worrying about tomorrow?

Prayer

Spend some time thanking God for His faithfulness in both the good seasons and the wilderness seasons.

Pray that God would help you:

- Remember His faithfulness accurately.
- Trust Him one day at a time.
- Recognise His provision in the present.
- Follow Him faithfully even when the future is unclear.

Challenge: Each day this week, intentionally identify one way God has provided for you that day and thank Him for it.