

Discussion Questions

Moses: Learning to Trust, Finding Deliverance

Week Seven

Read Exodus 3:17-18, 16:1

- What does the wilderness represent in the Scriptures?
- Share about a time when you had a wilderness experience.

Read Exodus 16:2-4

- What is God hoping to accomplish by leading his people through the wilderness?
- Have you ever been tested/healed/trained through a wilderness experience?

Read **Exodus 16:5-12**

- Define the word "grumbling."
- Why do you think God stands so firmly against grumbling?
- What do you tend to grumble about?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 4:17

What do these verses teach us about how we combat grumbling?

Read **Exodus 16:13-21**

- How do you think life in Egypt trained the Israelites to be self-reliant?
- How does this new rhythm of gathering manna heal and retrain the Israelites?
- How do this story's lessons connect to Jesus's instruction for us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread?"

Read Exodus 16:22-30

How does the practice of rest build and display a dependence on God?

Read **Exodus 16:31-36**

- Why do you think God wants his people to remember the 40 years of manna in the desert?
- Do you remember a story of God's faithfulness in your life?

In **Deuteronomy 8**, Moses says that God used the manna to teach us "that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Jesus uses this same language when he is tempted in the wilderness for 40 days.

 Has there been a time when you have turned to the word of God to strengthen you, nourish you, and give you energy for a challenge you were facing?