

Exodus: The journey of a lifetime

Week 4: Water from the Rock

WELCOME

Spend time relaxing and sharing together.

Icebreaker. If you had to flee from your home quickly, and could only take three items with you, what would you take?

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 95 together and spend a few moments of quiet and/or open praise.

WORD

Read Exodus 17:1-7 together. The events mentioned here come after the crossing of the Red Sea and after God had provided manna and quails for the people to eat.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think the Israelites were justified in their complaint? Why or why not?

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2. What was the first thing Moses did when the people started complaining? Is there something we can learn from this?

3. How did Moses deal with their complaint? Why do you think he took some of the elders with him?

4. What does God's provision of water tell us about God's character?

5. In a rather difficult passage in 1 Corinthians 10, Paul identifies the rock which provided the water with Christ. Can you think of any other passages in the Old Testament where perhaps Christ appears? How might this relate to passages in the New Testament like Jn 1: 1-18 and Col. 1: 15-20?

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6. Read again Ps 95: 7b-11. How did the warning found here play out for the people of Israel? What is the warning here for us today? What is the best cure for grumbling?

7. The Bible often speaks of God as a rock, e.g. I Sam.2:2; Ps.18: 2. What does this mean for you?

8. Read Ex. 17: 8-16. What does the rest of this chapter teach us about prayer?

WHAT NEXT

Over the next week meditate on Col.1: 15-20. Let this lead you into praise.