

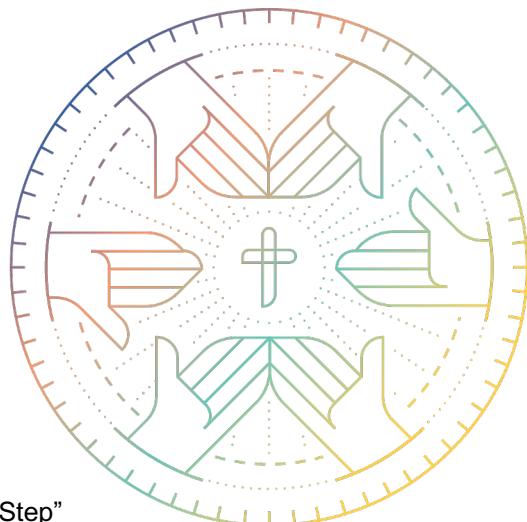
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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

No Turning Back: "Spiritual Journey: Trusting God with Every Step"

Scripture Focus: Exodus 15-18



ICEBREAKER

What's one journey you've taken—physical or spiritual—that didn't go the way you expected?

OR

When going through a difficult or unclear situation, what is your natural response—push harder, complain, withdraw, or pray?

INTRODUCTION

Israel's departure from Egypt marked freedom from slavery, but not the completion of God's forming work. As they journeyed through the wilderness, God used ordinary, difficult, and stretching moments to shape their trust, deepen their dependence, and reorder their lives.

Our spiritual journey works the same way. God doesn't just rescue us from something—He forms us into someone.

INTO THE WORD

Read Exodus 15:22-27 and James 1:2-4. Why do you think God allows bitter moments so early in Israel's journey? How can these passages help shape our view of "testing"?

Read Exodus 16:1-8,12 and Matthew 6:11,25-26. What do these verses teach us about God's desire for us to depend on Him? How can we increase our dependence on God?

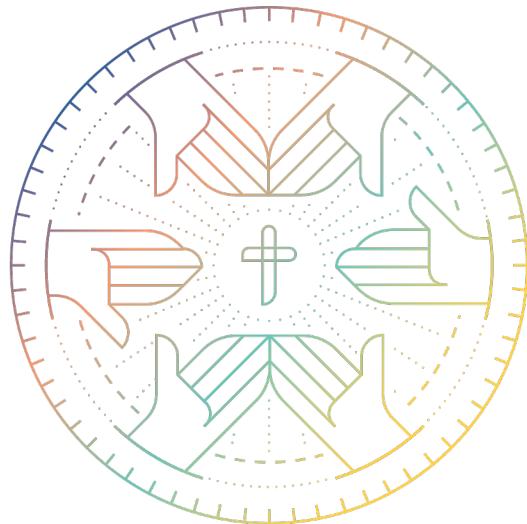
Read Exodus 17:1-7. What stands out to you about how God responds to the people's complaints? What "dry place" in your life needs a fresh reminder of God's presence?

Read Exodus 17:8-16. What do Moses' raised hands symbolize in this passage? Why do you think unity and perseverance matter so much in spiritual battles?

Read Exodus 18:13-24 and James 3:17. Why is it difficult to receive wisdom from others? What does the phrase "wisdom is obedience in slow motion" mean to you?

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EMBRACE AND EMBODY

God often allows us to experience challenges instead of comfort. And with each challenge we face, He invites us to trust Him. The question is not whether God is at work—but whether we will let Him shape us.

Group Reflection Question:

Where is God inviting you to let Him shape your journey right now?

TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)

- **Seek God Daily:** Ask God to reveal a “dry place” in your life and to allow Him to refresh your soul daily by reading His Word, prayer, and listening to the Holy Spirit.
- **Build Deep Relationships:** Ask a friend how you can help “raise their hands” during their current battle and commit to praying for them this week.
- **Live Generously:** Choose dependence on God by trusting Him with your time, talents, or resources this week. Ask Him to reveal where you should be generous, then respond with obedience.
- **Worship God:** Take time this week to acknowledge “The LORD is your Banner,” and rest in this truth even when facing a difficult situation or opposition.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that You can be trusted with every step we take. Throughout our journey, help us to remember that You have not just rescued us from something for a moment, but you desire to shape us for our good and Your glory for eternity. May You have Your way in us today and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen!